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Singh charge lies: Hegde 'Intelligence' used in smear campaign

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

NEW DELHI, Aug 21: R.K. Hegde, the vice-president of a newly founded opposition party Janata Dal, yesterday dismissed allegations of wrongdoing against the party president V.P. Singh as baseless and accused the ruling Congress(I) Party of mounting a smear campaign against leading opposition figures.

"That is utter nonsense," said Hegde in a reference to charges that Singh deposited \$21 million in a secret foreign bank account during his tenure as finance minister in Rajiv Gandhi's government.

The allegation, first published in the Sunday issue of the Arab Times, came as Indian political parties prepared for elections which must be held

before Jan 4, 1990.

Quoting Indian political sources, the Arab Times report also suggested that Singh illegally obtained funds through bribes received from commodities dealers between the Indian government and foreign companies and governments.

"The ruling party is plotting to smear the names of opposition leaders in order to offset the growing public disaffection with Rajiv Gandhi," Hegde told the Arab Times.

He said the main targets of the disinformation campaign are himself and Singh. Both, he said, are perceived by the ruling party as the greatest threat to its power.

Hegde accused the government of using the Criminal Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and India's intelligence agency to fabricate stories and falsify documents.

"The disinformation campaign will intensify as the election draws closer," he said.

But he added that the smear campaign will not cripple the opposition.

A leading New Delhi political analyst, who preferred to remain anonymous, said that Singh, while he was still a cabinet minister, was accused of false statement concerning the value of his land sold to the government. He was also charged with using "black money," tax evasion and of passing information to the US government. Singh was exonerated after the government investigation showed that the charges were baseless, the analyst said.

Hegde himself was accused by the federal government of corruption during his tenure as chief minister of the state of Karnataka. He challenged the government in court and the case is still under investigation.



Death failed 'to do us' apart

"Oh God, what are these!"
An American, Dominique Adams, breaks into tears as Manila airport customs and police officials discovered 70 guns in her luggage. She has been charged with illegal possession of firearms. (Reuters wirephoto)

Evangeline Guico said her marriage vows on Sunday then sprinkled holy water (picture) over her fiance as he lay in a casket in a Manila church. Miss Guico, 21, who is two months pregnant, was to have wed 21-year-old Marlon Mansalac on Sept 26 after a three-year courtship. But on Tuesday, Mansalac was found shot dead. (Reuters wirephoto)

Yellow-mellow — Cory

MANILA, Aug 21, (Agencies): President Corazon Aquino, speaking at a mass to mark the sixth anniversary of her husband's assassination, called on Filipinos to revive the unity they showed in toppling former president Ferdinand Marcos.

Benigno Aquino, Marcos' chief rival, was shot dead at Manila airport on Aug 21, 1983

on his return from voluntary exile in the United States. His murder sparked massive unrest

that led to Marcos' overthrow in a 1986 popular revolt.

"We cannot improve unless we join together, because the work is beyond the capability of any but a deeply united nation. We cannot come together until we revive the trust that first brought us in grief and led us back, three years later, in triumph," Cory said today.

She said she wondered how many Filipinos would still join her in commemorating Aug 21 when she no longer was present.

Cory pleaded patience and understanding in her effort to cure the nation's ills as Manila's Catholic archbishop warned that corruption runs "like AIDS in the blood."

Cory said she was not "preaching naivete" — but only a measure of trust without which this country will again begin to die.

"One man gave everything for nothing," she said of her husband.

"Have we not a stronger reason to give a little more of ourselves for something that is already getting better? Can we not pause a while from our scorn and disbelief for this country that is after all going somewhere if not as fast as we would like?"

Fourty people are being tried for the murder.

Cardinal Jaime Sin, the influential Archbishop of Manila, blasted the corruption that plagues the Philippines and the operation of casinos, which he said are eroding the nation's moral fibre.

"We dream of the Philippines as a great nation, but we cannot stop corruption that runs like AIDS in the blood," Sin said.

NEWSWATCH

Worshippers killed: Gunmen wearing military uniforms shot and killed 13 Buddhist worshippers in southeastern Sri Lanka on Monday, military officials said. Nineteen others were wounded in the attack.

Sinhalese radicals, meanwhile, detonated a landmine under an Army jeep in the central Sri Lanka, killing five soldiers and the civilian driver, the officials said.

The bodies of six other people, five of them burned, were found in the Kandy hill district.

All 25 deaths occurred in a 24-hour period ending at midday Monday. (AP)

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Preparatory Gulf talks: The UN's special envoy for the Gulf will hold preparatory talks with representatives of Iran and Iraq on Wednesday and Thursday in Geneva, a UN spokesman said on Monday.

The envoy, Ambassador Jan Eliasson of Sweden, will hold what the spokesman called "meetings of a technical nature" to lay the groundwork for talks between Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will have with the foreign ministers of the two countries. (Reuters)

3,250 bodies exchanged: UNMOG — the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group said on Monday that bodies of more than 3,250 war

dead have been returned since Gulf war started a year ago.

The UN's 350 observers, drawn from 26 countries, watch both sides of a truce line stretching 1,200 km (750 miles) from mountains in the north to the desert and swamp in the south. (Reuters)

Polisario rejects invitation: Guerrillas fighting Morocco for independence of Western Sahara said on Monday they rejected an invitation from King Hassan to return to Morocco.

Repeating an offer he has made several times previously, King Hassan said in a broadcast on Sunday night that he would pardon opponents who returned to Morocco.

He reiterated his invitation after the recent defection of several leaders of the Polisario Front, which has been fighting since 1976 for control of Western Sahara, annexed by Morocco after Spain withdrew from its former colony. (Reuters)

New political party: Prominent Muslim leader Syed Shahabuddin on Monday formed a new political organisation — Justice Party — which he said would protect interests of minorities and weaker sections of the society. (KUNA)

Israeli Army denies: Israeli military sources said on Monday a Palestinian-American teenager found dead in the occupied West Bank had been shot at close range. The Army denied it was responsible.

The Army and police examined the body of Amjad Hussein Sibren, 14, after relatives said he was shot in the heart, his head was smashed and his body had cigarette burns. (Reuters)

Hunger striker dies: A jailed Moroccan student has died in custody after being on hunger strike for 64 days, human rights groups said on Monday.

The Association and the League of Human Rights said in a joint statement that Adelbak Chebada, 28, a student at the faculty of letters in Rabat, died at Avicenne (Ibn Sina) hospital in Rabat on Saturday.

Road accident: Fourteen Army personnel were killed and two injured when a truck they were travelling in collided with a train on the Sultampur crossing, about 15 km from Lucknow, police said.

The dead, including a major, were of the fourth Madras infantry. They were going for routine exercises. The truck driver, who was passing an unarmoured railway crossing did not see a train coming, police said.

Farmhouse attack: Sikh extremists burst into a farmhouse in Punjab and shot to death 10 women and children during the night, news reports said on Monday.

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Death of a legend

British conservationist George Adamson, was shot to death at his camp in a remote reserve in Kenya. Adamson is seen feeding a tiger in this filephoto. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Riot police beat Prague 'spring' protesters

PRAGUE, Aug 21, (Reuters): Riot police swinging batons charged thousands of demonstrators chanting "long live freedom" today on the 21st anniversary of a Soviet-led invasion which crushed a communist reform movement in Czechoslovakia.

Helmeted police beat dozens of demonstrators in Prague's Wenceslas Square and in side streets as the crowd fled.

After the half-hour demonstration, police blocked the medieval Charles Bridge to stop more than 1,000 demonstrators who tried to march across the River Vltava to the prime minister's office.

Two hours later, 1,500 protesters regrouped in the central square to jeer police and chanted demands for freedom, and hundreds were detained.

Dozens of police vans, lights flashing and sirens wailing, brought in reinforcements to attack protesters who ignored orders broadcast over loudspeakers to leave.

Police attacked a camera crew from the Austrian television network ORF, felled the cameraman with a karate blow, smashed their camera and cut their cables.

A crew from the US network ABC was harassed and foreign photographers had their films confiscated.

More than 2,000 people gathered in Wenceslas Square for what was planned as a silent march.

They broke into loud applause and raised their arms in V-for-victory signs when a group of Hungarian activists unfurled a banner proclaiming:

Plainclothes police tore it down and the crowd chanted: "Long live freedom," "Long live Hungary" and "Long live Poland" — showing how reform in other East Bloc states is encouraging demands for liberalisation in Czechoslovakia, where hardline communist rule has prevailed since the invasion.

The Polish parliament and the Hungarian Communist Party and government last week condemned the invasion in which Warsaw Pact members except Romania took part.

Police seized a Hungarian who told the crowd in Czech from a friend's shoulder: "You must know that Hungarian youth never agreed with the invasion. Our future must be one and our forces must be united."



Prague police detaining a demonstrator. (Reuters wirephoto)

Aoun offers to talk; France tables plan

Bush reiterates policy on hostages

BEIRUT, Aug 21, (Agencies): Christian Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun today proposed talks on ending Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war but a leading Syrian-backed Muslim militia rejected the offer.

"I am ready any time to discuss Lebanon's future at a round table with leaders of the other side," Aoun said in an interview published by the Paris-based Arabic magazine Koll El Arab. His press office confirmed that it was accurate.

Lebanon with top aides today and reiterated that the United States holds the groups holding them responsible for their safety.

The policy remains unchanged. The President underscored that we hold the hostage-takers responsible for the safety of the hostages and we call on them to release the hostages without any pre-conditions," White House Chief of Staff John Sununu told reporters.

Syria is stepping up its pressure on Lebanon's Christian enclave by arming a mainly Muslim Lebanese Army brigade with tanks and long-range artillery and preparing to move it to the front line, security sources in the northern city of Tripoli said today.

Christian political sources meanwhile reported that France had proposed that Syrian troops and all militia forces pull out of Beirut and surrounding areas as part of a new plan to end the 14-year civil war.

The spiritual leader of pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim militants (Continued on Page 2 col 5)



Strike cripples Dhaka

Stores closed and buses and cars in Dhaka stayed off the streets yesterday during a six-hour strike called by five small leftist parties demanding the resignation of President Hussain Muhammad Ershad.

Police said they arrested at least 10 demonstrators, mostly university students, who threw stones at police near Dhaka University.

Policemen beating and kicking a boy during the strike. (Reuters wirephoto)

Turks act against Sofia

Border shut

ANKARA, Aug 21, (Reuters):

Turkey announced today it was closing its border to refugees without visas, saying the move was contrary to Ankara's commitments to accept all ethnic Turks wishing to leave Bulgaria.

Bozor insisted Ankara remained ready to accept all ethnic Turks once a comprehensive agreement was reached with Bulgaria.

He said the Bulgarian government had been notified of the border closure through official channels.

Sofia has rejected Ankara's call for an accord to compensate refugees for property left behind and to protect the rights of ethnic Turks who want to remain. (See Page 5)

Dakar cuts ties with Mauritania

DAKAR, Aug 21, (Reuters): Senegal severed diplomatic ties with Mauritania today after Mauritania expelled the Senegalese ambassador in Nouakchott.

Mauritania's Charge d'Affaires in Dakar, Bilal Ould Werzeg, told Reuters he had received a note from Senegal's Foreign Ministry asking all Mauritanian diplomatic personnel to leave Senegal within 24 hours.

The break followed a row between the two West African neighbours after ethnic riots last April and May which left hundreds dead and thousands displaced.

The diplomatic note gave no reasons for Senegal's move, made public a few hours after Mauritania ordered out the Senegalese ambassador for activities incompatible with his diplomatic status — normally a euphemism for spying.

The Senegalese ambassador, Ousmane Camara, was given 48 hours to leave Mauritania.

The riots were triggered by a minor border incident over grazing rights but were fuelled by decades of simmering racial tension between black Senegalese and the mostly light-skinned, Arabic-speaking Moors dominant in Mauritania.

Policy shift by pinks

TOKYO, Aug 21. (AP): In a major shift of policy aimed at bringing other opposition parties into a coalition, the Japan Socialist Party said today it will accept a continuation of Japan's military forces and the security treaty with the United States.

Tsuruo Yamaguchi, secretary of Japan's largest opposition party, said the party also will not seek any drastic changes in the country's economic policies.

But he said the party would seek a gradual reduction of US bases in Japan.

Yamaguchi told a meeting of party regional officials that the policy changes were aimed at creating an alliance with other opposition groups, which have criticised the party's past policies as unrealistic.

The socialists previously had strongly opposed the mutual security treaty of the United States and Japan's self defence forces, which they said violated a constitutional ban on maintenance of land, sea and air forces.

Japanese courts have interpreted the constitution as allowing defensive military forces.

Under the moderate leadership of chairwoman Takako Doi, the Socialists emerged the biggest winner last month in elections for parliament's upper house.

Opposition parties now hold a majority of seats in the upper chamber, and hope to eliminate the governing Liberal Democratic Party's majority in the lower house in general elections that must be held by next July.

Hiroshi Mitsuoka, chairman of the conservative governing party's policy affairs research council, said today the party would transfer power to the opposition rather than seek a coalition government if it loses its majority in the lower chamber.

As the largest opposition party, the Socialists could lead their own coalition government if a unified opposition captures a majority of seats in the lower house.

Aoun offers to talk



Troops get training

Lebanese Army troops loyal to pro-Syrian Army commander Sami Khatib train on Soviet-made tanks, donated by Syria, as part of campaign launched by Damascus to gather all its allies against Christian Army commander Maj. Gen. Michel Aoun. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dark world tells little

Lebanese captors offer no clue

BEIRUT, Aug 21. (Reuter): Three lines usually mean bad news. If it's three pages, the hostage is probably still alive.

Signed with exotic group names and authenticated by photographs or videotapes, the threats, demands and announcements of Lebanon's kidnappers arrive without warning at news agency or newspaper offices in Muslim west Beirut.

Handwritten or typed in Arabic, they always start with verses from the Holy Quran.

Anonymous messengers hand them to doorknobs or drop them unseen at entranceways. One was spotted using a paper tissue to avoid leaving fingerprints on a plain white envelope.

The last to arrive, from the Revolutionary Justice Organisation last night, threatened to harm two hostages if France intervenes in Lebanon.

The communiques, totalling several dozen over the past five years, have common threads:

Muslim militancy, hatred of Israel ('the Zionist enemy'), rage against the United States ('the great satan'), support for Iran, loyalty to 'struggling brothers' imprisoned in the West, Israel or Kuwait.

Some messages carry love or birthday wishes from captives to their families. Some announce plans to kill a hostage.

Usually, a few days later, a reprieve arrives with several pages of angry justification for the kidnappers' cause.

But sometimes the next message announces a few harsh lines that the hostage has been 'executed.'

These scraps of paper have told the world most of what it knows about the kidnappers and what they want. But the picture remains blurred. Experts think the group names are a ruse by one network of Iranian kidnappers using several covers.

Released hostages have reported seeing together in the same cell captives whose abductions were claimed by different groups.

Those messages have been signed by four groups:

■ Islamic Jihad (Holy War), emerged in 1984, kidnapping a Saudi Arabian diplomat and claiming responsibility for suicide bombings of US marines and French paratroopers.

■ The Revolutionary Justice Organisation appeared in May 1986 demanding the West end support for Iraq and claiming the kidnapping of four French journalists who were released in 1988.

■ Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine emerged in January 1987, four days after American professors Alanna Steen, Robert Polhill and Jess Turner and Indian Mitleshwar Singh were kidnapped from the campus of Beirut University College.

■ The Arab Struggle cells surfaced in May 1989, claiming the kidnapping of Briton Jack Mann.

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sounded a warning that French intervention in the war would be disastrous.

"To intervene with one Lebanese party against another will lead to disastrous results," Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual mentor of Hezbollah told Visnews television news agency.

Sources in Tripoli said some 500 soldiers from the Lebanese Army's 2nd Brigade were expected to take up positions facing the Christian enclave's northern front within hours, joining about 2,000 leftist militiamen who moved there in recent days.

Units consisting mainly of Muslims obey General Sami Al Khatib, but have taken little part in battles of the last five months between Syria and its Lebanese allies on one side and Aoun's troops on the other.

Security sources said this was the first time that Syria has armed the 2nd Brigade with T-54 tanks, heavy guns and other Soviet-made weapons.

Christian sources said French envoy Alain Decaux, who was in Beirut last week presented a plan calling the Syrians and Lebanese militia forces to withdraw from the capital and from towns and villages up to 20 km (12 miles) away.

Christian and Muslim brigades of the Army would deploy in the area, with observers positioned around the zone and in various districts of Beirut.

The observers would also deploy along the Green Line battle zone and in strategic hills around Beirut.

The sources did not say if Paris' plan was discussed with Damascus which has some 33,000 troops in Lebanon.

France said today it is sending two more Navy vessels to join its armada closing on Lebanon for what officials call a purely humanitarian mission despite a Lebanese Christian appeal to Paris for military assistance.

The Defence Ministry disclosed that the anti-submarine frigate Jean de Vienne had set sail secretly for the also leaving for Levantine waters was the fuel tanker Meuse. It would sail from the southern port of Toulon in a matter of hours, the ministry said.

The addition of the two latest vessels takes the French armada to a total of eight vessels in all—a vaguely-defined mission that officials say is designed to protect primarily 7,000 French citizens in Lebanon.

France kept up its diplomatic efforts to resolve the Lebanese crisis today, presiding over a meeting of senior European Economic Community officials to try and forge a joint European approach.

Aoun's offer was broadcast by all Beirut radio stations as his 20,000 mainly Christian troops exchanged sporadic artillery and tank fire with the Syrians across the city's dividing Green Line and in the hills above the capital.

The exchanges intensified at nightfall on the eastern rim of the 3-mile (five-kilometre) line splitting Beirut into Muslim and Christian sectors and at the Christian hilltop stronghold of Souk El Harab southeast of the capital.

Police said one person was killed and 14 were wounded. That raised the overall toll to 785 killed and 2,140 wounded since Aoun's confrontation with the Syrians broke out on March 8.

The violence started two days after Aoun blocked illegal militia-run ports south of the capital, hoping to recover lost customs dues estimated at around \$100 million annually.

The Syrians and their militia allies retaliated by shelling and besieging the Christian heartland.

A terrorist group has threatened to kill two American hostages if the French use military force to back Lebanese Christians against Syrian-backed Muslim forces in the country's civil war.

■ Kuwait is yet to receive a report from the supreme Arab committee on Lebanon in which the three-member body was to outline what it has done to pacify Lebanon, Kuwait's acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said today.

Sheikh Sabah was responding to reporters' question on whether an Arab gathering was to meet to discuss the committee's report.

■ Pope John Paul II today concludes a visit to Spain, marked by his second call for a ceasefire in Lebanon and Vatican exploration of a papal mission to that war-wrecked nation.

■ Israeli soldiers backed by tanks clashed with Muslim commandos in southern Lebanon today following a string of attacks on Israeli positions in the area, security sources said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties in the clashes north of Israeli-held territory in southern Lebanon, according to sources in the village of Machghara, 24 miles (38 km) southeast of Beirut.



The wife (wearing dark glasses) of the captain of the Marchioness is consoled by a friend, while relatives pay respects to passengers of the vessel which sank in the River Thames. (Reuter wirephoto)



Forensic experts board the wrecked hull of the Marchioness as it lies beached on the bank of River Thames. (Reuter wirephoto)

Mishap probe opens

38 missing in Thames tragedy

LONDON, Aug 21. (Agencies):

More than 25 police launches were cruising the Thames in a search for bodies believed to have been washed far downstream by the river's swift current.

William Ludgrove, a spokesman for Tidal Cruises which operated the pleasure boat, said the vessel was within its navigational rights on the River Thames.

"I'm quite happy that what the Marchioness did and where it was at the time of the incident did not contravene any Port of London Authority bylaw," Ludgrove said. "The Marchioness was overtaking another vessel ... and in doing so, he was quite entitled in my opinion to use the centre arch."

The captain and second mate of the sand-dredging barge Bowbelle were released after questioning and police said no charges had been filed against them. Seven members of the barge's crew have been questioned in all.

However, a Scotland Yard spokesman said officers were looking into possible charges of unlawful killing or related offenses. He said the report would be sent to the public prosecutions office.

Transport Secretary Cecil Parkinson, who cut short a Florida vacation to take charge of the inquiry, toured the disaster scene near Southwark Bridge.

"I'm very shocked at what happened and I'm very sad for the relatives of those who died," he told reporters early today. "We want to learn all we can from this and try to make sure that it doesn't happen again."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rough experience: Two Arab boys had a rough experience from the Geneva police on the day of the Fete de Geneve celebrations — August 12 — and the matter is under judicial review, a Swiss daily reported today.

According to Tribune de Geneve, the two boys, aged 15 and 16, landed in the police station for failing to produce the train ticket examiner that they were young enough to travel on a half-ticket.

At the police station, a scuffle seems to have ensued and the youths, one Saudi Arabian and the other Lebanese, were reportedly beaten up by the police.

Having examined the two boys after the incident, a doctor from the paediatric police clinic reportedly testified that one of the boys had received a beating (KUNA).

Inquiry demand rebuffed: British transport chief rebuffed a demand on Monday by the bereaved of Pan Am flight 103 for an immediate public inquiry into gaps in airline security that allowed a terrorist bomb to be planted aboard the plane.

The disagreement emerged at a meeting between Transport Secretary Cecil Parkinson and relatives of some of the 259 people aboard the jumbo jet that blew up over Scotland on Dec 21.

Transport Minister Michael Portillo, one of Parkinson's deputies, said there was "a really very frank exchange of views."

Bert Anneman, US president of the victims of Pan Am flight 103, said: "We are not satisfied on the

position that the department of transport has taken regarding the inquiry and regarding airport and airline security." (AP)

Party leader fired: Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Monday fired the manager of his conservative Christian Democratic Union in an apparent bid to reorganise the embattled party as it heads into a national election campaign.

Heiner Geissler told reporters at a press conference called late in the day that Kohl told him he would not be renominated at the CDU national conference that begins Sept 10 in Bremen.

"I regret this," said Geissler, who has been party general secretary for 12 years. "I think it sends the wrong political signal." (AP)

Gas canister explodes: Eight people were injured on Monday when a package filled with canister gas exploded as it was being opened at the regional headquarters of major national civil rights organisation, police said.

US congressman John Lewis, a Georgia Democrat, said the explosion at offices of National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP) appeared to have been racially motivated.

The gas was contained in a hat-box sized package addressed to NAACP regional director Earl Shinnister. He said the package bore an Atlanta postmark and the letterhead of a local law firm. (Reuter)

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New York developers wheeling and dealing to keep building

NEW YORK, Aug 21, (UPI): In Manhattan, where even the air and river bottoms are for sale, developers are wheeling and dealing to keep building higher and deeper on an island that isn't getting any bigger.

Billionaire Donald Trump wants to use the rights he owns to land under the Hudson River to create the world's tallest building. Across town, the owner of the air space above Grand Central Terminal has been battling for more than 14 years to convert it to glass, steel, and cash on the ground.

"It's a logical extension of the cleverness of

New York City developers' lawyers," says Steve Robinson, co-chairman of Westpride, a community organization fighting excessive development.

"They push the limits, they invent new mechanisms, they try anything that may have a shot at working, because there are so many dollars at stake."

Dozens of office and apartment buildings are going up in New York's midtown area, especially around Times Square.

Developers long have managed to break through New York's zoning restrictions by

acquiring extra development rights or offering things like public plazas and low-cost housing in exchange for the waiving of certain regulations. Such actions raise cries of foul from often powerless citizens.

"On street corners all over Manhattan ... you have disproportionately large buildings going up," said Sendor E. Katz of the Women's City Club of New York, a civic organization. "There needs to be some absolute limit on the amount of additional floor area that can be imposed on any one lot."

Civic groups are focusing on Trump City, the billionaires developer's massive West Side project. Katz calls it "The most dramatic single example of the kind of monstrous result you can get by the accumulation of development rights."

Westpride targeted it from early on.

"If we are able to have an impact on what Trump proposes, then other developers in the city would begin to get the signal," says Robinson.

On 76 acres (30 hectares) of old railroad yards along the Hudson River between 59th

and 72nd Streets the largest undeveloped land parcel in the city, Trump City would include a 150-story structure and 13 other buildings ranging from 13 to 60 floors. Besides offices, hotel space and apartments, there would be an 800,000-square-foot (75,000-square-metre) shopping mall.

Westpride says the 7,600 housing units would heavily overburden the neighbourhood's schools and sewers, and that the tower, the world's tallest, would cast a shadow across the Hudson River and Central Park. Trump's people say there are plenty of sewers and

schools, and that the shadow would not be that obtrusive in a city full of skyscrapers.

Trump wants to transfer to his shoreline property the development rights he owns to 19 acres under the Hudson River, a holdover from the days when waterfront industry extended onto the piers.

William Valletta, counsel to the Department of City Planning, said that the city's zoning law allows a lot's overall size — including underwater rights — to be the basis for determining the size limits of a building. Zoning reformers want to get rid of that provision.



Dizzy blows

Jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, 70, plays to a crowd at the Newport Jazz Festival on Sunday in Newport, Rhode Island. (Reuter wirephoto)

Leona overpaid taxes: attorney

NEW YORK, Aug 21, (UPI): Defense attorneys in the tax evasion trial of Leona Helmsley said they would present evidence today to prove the self-styled hotel queen and her billionaire husband actually overpaid their income taxes.

The case has been recessed since Wednesday, when Judge John Walker of the U.S. District Court in Manhattan said he would grant the defense one hour to present the evidence and the government one hour to rebut it.

"I am convinced at this point to allow the evidence," Walker said after the revelation by the defense.

The judge added, however, that even though he thought the government had persuasive factual arguments that the couple cheated on their taxes, he felt the defense's evidence should be presented to the jury.

According to the defense evidence, two accounting firms recently went over the Helmsleys' individual tax forms and discovered that some partnerships were not properly accounted for.

James DeVita, the assistant US attorney prosecuting the case, argued that while that may be, the tax returns have not been amended.

"They want to rewrite history," he said.

Helmsley, 69, is accused of billing \$4 million worth of renovations at her 26-acre (10.5 ha) Greenwich, Connecticut, estate to the Helmsley Hotel business and failing to pay millions of dollars in taxes.

Her 80-year-old husband, Harry, was severed from the trial after a series of small strokes left him with a severe memory loss.

In addition to Leona Helmsley, Frank Turco, 45, Joseph Licari, 51, also are charged in the 47-count indictment.

Turco and Helmsley are charged with one count of extortion, which carries a maximum 20-year prison term.

During the lengthy trial, now entering its eighth week, the prosecution has carefully constructed its case against Helmsley, presenting several witnesses who described how the couple charged personal items to their hotel bills.

The judge alone decides a criminal's punishment in most US legal proceedings, and even when victims speak under the new laws, the judge has the final say.

In Michigan, where a Crime Victim's Rights Law has been in effect since July 1985, "very few take advantage of actually speaking," said Circuit Court Judge Michael Harrison.

However, in at least half the crimes where there is an identifiable victim, Harrison said they submit a statement that the law requires judges to consider.

Fran Sepler, executive director of Minnesota's Crime Victim and Witness Advisory Council, which pushed for the state's year-old Allocation Law, said such legislation serves an important function because it gives victims "a maximum opportunity to participate."

"The feedback I get from judges is that they find these statements very difficult to listen to, extremely painful; that it injects an element of ... humanity into the courtroom that is otherwise not there," Sepler said.

"While there may not be substantial changes in sentencing ... The victim impact statements are important considerations for them as they determine what might mitigate and aggravating factors."

Sepler said Mothers Against Drunk Driving, a nationwide lobbying group, is advancing members to speak at sentencing.

Minnesota State Sen. Richard Cohen, an author of the measure, said officials involved in implementing the Allocation Law say it's working smoothly and is not tangling up the criminal justice system.

"It's allowed victims who are often given short shrift in the process to have more of an opportunity to be a part of what's taking place," Cohen said. "They will have the satisfaction of the sentencing judge knowing exactly how they feel and what has happened to them."

Judgement day

Jim Bakker on trial



1987, moved earlier this year to an almost empty shopping centre in Orlando. His new show is carried by several television stations.

Shirley Balmer, a spokeswoman for Jim and Tammy Ministries, said she did not know of any plans by Mrs Bakker to attend her husband's trial, and that Bakker was not planning to return to Orlando on weekends for services at his new Covenant church.

Bakker is charged with eight counts of mail fraud, 15 counts of wire fraud, and conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. If convicted on all counts, he could be sentenced to 120 years in prison and ordered to pay more than \$5 million in fines. Mrs Bakker isn't charged.

After jury selection, opening arguments were scheduled to begin Aug. 28, but defence attorneys have renewed motions to move the trial because of pretrial publicity.

US magistrate Paul Taylor earlier rejected a similar motion, saying publicity had died down in the two years since Bakker left PTL. But Taylor said lawyers could renew their arguments before US district court judge Robert Potter during jury selection.

Shame of London

LONDON, Aug 21, (KUNA): Violence in the British capital is on the increase and there has been a rise in sex attacks despite a drop in crime, Scotland Yard figures out today showed.

The five per cent rise in the number of sex attacks during the 12 months to the end of June, included a 17 per cent increase in the number of rapes and attempted rapes, the police said.

Figures for violence in London went up by 13 per cent, but car thefts fell by nine per cent, mugging by six per cent, burglary by five per cent and shoplifting by four per cent.

The total number of recorded offences fell from 740,200 in the 12-month period ending June 1988 to 722,500 in the year ending June 1989.

Scotland Yard chiefs believe the continuing rise in the recorded violence is largely due to increased reporting of these crimes through the police domestic violence units and child protection teams.

Study on drug habits of drivers

MONTRÉAL, Aug 21, (KUNA): The increased use of drugs and alcohol on the job has prompted the federal government to conduct a survey of 20,000 bus drivers, truckers, pilots and air traffic controllers to study their booze and drug habits.

Transport Canada is responsible for the survey of people who are in safety sensitive jobs. It has the backlog of unions, employers and industry groups.

Participation in the survey is not mandatory and volunteers will receive absolute anonymity.

Son of John F. Kennedy joins DA's office in Manhattan

NEW YORK, Aug 21, (UPI): John F. Kennedy Jr., decorated the 1988 People magazine "Man of the Year" and a trend-setter on the 1989 international best dressed list, today assumes a new title — assistant Manhattan district attorney.

The handsome only son of the late President John F. Kennedy is among the new crop of 64 "rookie" prosecutors who was sworn in, photographed and fingerprinted at the office of Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau today.

Morgenthau gained prominence as a federal prosecutor after President Kennedy appointed him US attorney for the Southern District of New York in 1961. He was later elected Manhattan district attorney.

The district attorney's spokesman, Gerald McElroy, vowed to block reporters from interviewing the publicity-shy Kennedy, 28, on the job, saying he would be treated "just like everybody else."

However, the district attorney's office

has taken extraordinary steps to bar reporters from contacting the new celebrity prosecutor, measures never before taken to shield the 475 other assistants.

Morgenthau, the son of Roosevelt administration Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr., likes hiring famous sons. In the past he brought on Andrew Cuomo and Cyrus Vance Jr., currently Dan Rather, son of the CBS anchorman, is on the staff. One other celebrity hire, John Jr's

cousin, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., wound up resigning under a cloud of suspected drug abuse. After being sworn in in 1982, RFK Jr failed the bar exam and resigned in July 1983, saying he needed a rest. On Sept. 16, 1983, he was charged with heroin possession in Rapid City, South Dakota, a few days after he fell sick on an airplane there. He entered a drug treatment programme and received a suspended sentence and two years probation. He eventually was admitted to the New York State bar in 1985.

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Farms of drug barons raided

Colombia acts to crush Medellin drug cartel leaders



Galan: assassinated

BOGOTA, Aug 21. (Agencies): Colombian troops and police, using new powers to fight the country's cocaine traffickers, have raided and occupied properties owned by drug leaders, the Defence Ministry said yesterday.

A ministry statement said that in an operation which began on Friday, soldiers raided the main rural estate of reputed Medellin drug cartel chief Pablo Escobar, farms belonging to the Ochoa trafficking family in and around the city of Medellin and farms belonging to "The Mexican" Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, near Bogota.

Defence Ministry spokesman Colonel Eduardo Arevalo, asked whether the properties raided had been confiscated under one of the emergency decrees announced on Friday by President Virgilio Barco, said "Yes."

Barco, responding to the assassination of presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan by suspected drug-backed gunmen at an outdoor political rally on Friday night, declared that security forces could hold suspects for up to seven days, seize their assets and extradite them if they were wanted abroad.

The raid at Escobar's Hacienda Nápoles, about three hours' drive from Medellin, garnered the greatest number of goods, accord-

ing to the ministry. It listed the seizure of six vehicles, four boats, one bulldozer, a satellite dish, 3,000 gallons of petrol, 2,000 head of cattle and 100 pigs.

It said the estate had been occupied by troops and 52 people were being held there. The concrete entrance to the vast estate was also pictured as having a small mounted airplane, reputed to have flown Escobar's first load of cocaine.

In the three-day operation in four of the country's 22 states, troops and police raided 503 properties and detained 10,450 people, the ministry stated. The security forces also seized 157 vehicles, 622 weapons and four tonnes of coca paste.

Police and soldiers also rounded up nearly 10,000 people for questioning in a nationwide crackdown on cocaine traffickers.

Tens of thousands of people, many openly weeping and calling out for justice, packed downtown streets for Galan's funeral yesterday. President Virgilio Barco characterised him as a martyr in an escalating war on the drug underworld.

According to a Defence Ministry communiqué issued last night, police and military authorities have rounded up 9,896 people, raided 298 homes of suspected drug dealers

and seized 330 arms.

Assassins believed hired by the drug cartel gunned down Galan who was a sworn enemy of the cocaine cartels and an outspoken proponent of extradition of drug traffickers. He had been threatened by drug dealers frequently and said he had survived an assassination plot in Medellin two weeks ago.

Barco announced the revival of the US-Colombia 1990 extradition treaty just minutes after Galan's death, and also decreed a state of siege allowing pretrial seizure of suspected trafficker's properties and a broadening of police powers.

At the funeral, Barco said blame for Galan's death lies not only with his killers but with users of cocaine and other drugs, and said that Colombia is paying a high price for global drug abuse.

Funeral ceremonies began early yesterday with a violin recital organised by schoolmates of Galan's eldest son, 17-year-old Juan Manuel, as other family members wept beside the coffin.

Colombian police on Monday seized helicopters suspected of belonging to the drug traffickers.

Commandos swept into Guaimaral airport and seized the helicopters.

Earth may be hit by debris

Race to retrieve falling satellite

NEW YORK, Aug 21. (Reuters): Scientists at the US space agency are racing to rescue a satellite the size of a bus before it crashes to earth, the New York Times reported today.

The newspaper quoted officials at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as saying the 11-ton scientific satellite was falling to earth faster than expected and they were planning to send a space shuttle to retrieve it.

If the satellite is not saved, 2,540 kg (5,600 pounds) of debris in 430 chunks might hit earth, but the chances of people being hurt would be remote. Experts say the debris could land on Africa, South America, India, South-East Asia and Aus-

tralia.

Ten years ago the Skylab space station slipped its orbit, raining debris on the Indian Ocean and Australia.

The space agency wants to use the space shuttle for servicing and retrieving spacecraft and not just for putting them into orbit and had scheduled the rescue for December. However, this could be moved forward to November in order to prevent the \$14 million satellite hitting earth.

"We'd like to demonstrate that we have a dependable spacecraft we can use for routine servicing," Dr William Kinard, chief scientist for the satellite, was quoted as saying.

The satellite was put into orbit by the shuttle in 1984 and should have been picked up a year later but a scheduling delay and the Challenger disaster in 1986 put the shuttle out of action for nearly three years.

Its information is crucial for the design of spacecraft intended to last decades rather than years, agency officials say. It also has importance for the Strategic Defense Initiative, commonly known as "Star Wars," for ideas on how to build anti-missile weapons with long endurance.

A NASA spokesman was not immediately available for comment on the newspaper report.

US may not send troops for drug war

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, Aug 21. (Reuters): President George Bush has completed work on a strategy to fight drug trafficking but his chief of staff today played down the possibility of using US troops to help Colombia deal with drug kingpins.

"I think the tradition in the Western hemisphere has been a reluctance on the part of anybody to ask for troops and I think there's a reluctance on the part of the president to commit troops," White House Chief of Staff John Sununu told reporters.

Attorney General Richard Thornburgh has said the United States should consider sending troops to Colombia, if invited, to help fight the powerful cocaine industry there. But Sununu said Thornburgh was merely restating longstanding US policy.

"There has been no indication of their (Colombia's) desire of that and we have in no way prepared for that kind of request," said Sununu.

Sununu, with Bush on vacation at Kennebunkport coastal resort, indicated that US assistance to Latin American drug producing nations would be limited to additional financial aid and equipment that could be used to fight drugs.

Colombia has arrested more than 10,000 people and seized millions of dollars in property of suspected drug barons since the Friday assassination of leading presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan. Police suspect the killing of Galan, a judge and a police chief last week were ordered by drug traffickers.

Sununu said the cost of Bush's programme could range up to \$8 billion and that the President would give details in a Prime-Time television speech on Sept. 5.

■ Dutch police claimed today to have made the biggest single haul ever of amphetamines, confiscating almost one million tablets of the drug ecstasy in a storage room rented by an American.

Police spokesman Cees Reusman said the raid took place on Friday in a cellar under an Amsterdam flower shop after a tip from West German police, but he refused to name the American involved.

West German police claimed the pills had been manufactured illegally at the premises of the West German Imhausen-Chemie Concern, Reusman added.

He said West German police were at present investigating "some" Imhausen-Chemie employees for their alleged involvement in the production of the pills.

West Germany's federal criminal department said in a statement today the seizure followed months of investigations into the affairs of some staff at Imhausen-Chemie and an unnamed American attorney.

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Godfather of drug cartel

Undated file photo of reputed Medellin cartel leader Pablo Escobar. Colombia's Defence Ministry said yesterday that soldiers and police raided farms and buildings belonging to the leaders of the notorious Medellin cocaine cartel. (Reuters wirephoto)

NASA to send probe to Jupiter

PASADENA, California, Aug 21. (UPI): Even as the Voyager 2 probe races toward Neptune, NASA is gearing up to fire a robot spacecraft to Jupiter, and officials said yesterday preparations were on schedule for an Oct. 12 launch by the crew of the shuttle Atlantis.

"It's sort of been scary, things have been going so well," project manager Richard Spehalski said. "We've been very pleased, the team's worked very hard."

If all goes well, the \$1.4 billion Galileo Jupiter probe will be transported to launch pad 39B at the Kennedy Space Centre Thursday for installation in a special "clean room" where it will be readied for installation into Atlantis' payload bay.

"It is the Rolls-Royce of spacecraft, likely never to be matched for its complexity and capability," said Clayne Yeates.

Atlantis was scheduled to be towed from its hangar to the Florida Shuttleport's vehicle assembly building late yesterday for attachment to its external fuel tank and solid-fuel boosters.

The assembled shuttle vehicle is set to be hauled to the launch pad around Aug. 28, with blastoff on the sixth post-Challenger mission set for Oct. 12.

"We have completed our spacecraft 'stand alone' operations," Spehalski said at the jet propulsion laboratory, where scientists are gearing up for the Voyager 2 flyby of Neptune Thursday. "There's a lot of pressure on us all to get (Galileo) launched during this period."

Launch processing is in its final stages and engineers still have about a week of "contingency time" at the launch pad — shifts in which no work is scheduled — to handle any unexpected problems.

Because of the positions of Earth and Jupiter in their orbits around the sun, and the power of Galileo's "inertial upper stage" booster, NASA must launch Galileo during a one-month period starting Oct. 12 or the mission will be delayed two years while Earth and Jupiter return to favourable positions.

The spacecraft originally was scheduled to be launched in 1982 but the flight was repeatedly delayed by changes in its mission design and, ultimately, by the Jan. 28, 1986, Challenger disaster.

Galileo is the first spacecraft designed to spend time in orbit around one of the giant outer planets for an extended series of observations. It will test for water and radio signals on Jupiter after a six and half year flight to the planet.

Mission Neptune

Voyager 2 explores distant planet

PASADENA, California, Aug 21. (AP): After a 12-year, 4.4-billion-mile (seven billion-kilometre) space odyssey, Voyager 2 fired its thrusters today to take final aim toward Neptune, the most distant and last unexplored planet due for a visit by a spacecraft from earth.

"The spacecraft is in great shape, and everything is going extremely well," flight engineering manager Lanny Miller said.

The small adjustment in direction was the last needed to target Voyager for Thursday's close encounter with Neptune and Friday's flight past its largest moon, Triton. The manoeuvre, meant to nudge Voyager to the right and increased its speed a tiny 1.1 miles per hour (1.7 kilometres per hour), means Voyager will fly closest to Neptune about 8:55 pm, PDT (0355 GMT) Thursday.

Engineers at NASA's jet propulsion laboratory received a signal from the spacecraft at 8:15 am PDT (1515 GMT) today indicating the thrusters started firing at 4:09 am (1109 GMT). It takes four hours and six minutes for the signals to reach earth, even at the 186,000-mile-per-second (299,330-kilometre-per-second) speed of light.

The approaching encounter with Neptune has drawn scientists here from all over the world.

"It's almost like being on a ship of discovery like Marco Polo, Magellan and Columbus," says Jurrie Van der Woude, a laboratory spokesman.

"For most of us, this is the last picture show, the last foreign shores we visit in the solar system."

Cable television stations will carry live NASA broadcasts of photographs from the planet.

On its approach to the solar system's fourth-largest planet, the picture-snapping space probe already has discovered four moons in addition to Triton and Nereid, which had been discovered from earth, as well as two partial rings of debris orbiting Neptune.

But their excitement is tinged with nostalgia because Voyager's Neptune encounter will be the last planetary flyby for a US spacecraft. Future probes will orbit their target planets: Magellan at Venus, Galileo at Jupiter and the Mars observer.

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■ About 170 researchers from around the world are at the laboratory for the Neptune encounter. They will share ultimate exhilaration as front-row observers for humanity's first close-up look at the planet, a blue-green ball nearly four times earth's diameter.

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INTERNATIONAL

Computer for India: US dilemma

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21. (AP): US officials are deadlocked over whether to allow export of American-made supercomputers to Brazil, India and Israel, where US intelligence experts believe they could be used to help design nuclear weapons and missiles, a congressional source said yesterday.

"There is a deadlock between the agencies and it's going to come up to the White House for a political decision," said the source, who spoke on condition that he not

be identified.

The dispute pits the Commerce and State Departments, which favour the exports, against the Defense Department and CIA, which oppose them, said the source, who is closely involved with nuclear proliferation issues.

"You have the State Department trying to smooth relations with friendly nations, you have the Commerce Department trying to promote exports," he said. "On the other hand, you've got the intelligence

community concerned, No 1, about illicit uses of those computers, and No 2, about possible Soviet access to some of those systems."

At issue are applications to export a Cray Research Inc. supercomputer to Technion, a technical university in Israel; an IBM supercomputer for the University of São Paulo in Brazil, another IBM machine for Embrac S.A., an enterprise largely owned by the Brazilian government that makes aircraft; and a Cray com-

puter for the Indian Institute of Technology in Bangalore.

"Israel, Brazil and India are without question pursuing activities related to either nuclear weapons or long-range missiles, or both," the congressional source said. "And with the facilities which they (the supercomputers) are going to, there is ample reason to believe there are either direct or indirect connections" to the weapons programmes.



Ethnic Turks await permission to collect their belongings from the Turkish-Bulgarian border in Kapikule. (Reuter wirephoto)

Cypriot talks may be blown up

NICOSIA, Aug. 21. (AP): Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders charged today that demands made by the other side were time bombs that would blow up peace talks for reuniting the war-divided island.

Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash reiterated his position against reunification demands for the return of 200,000 Greek Cypriots to their homes in the Turkish-occupied north of the island.

The Greek Cypriot refugees could not be allowed back for a period of at least 18 years after a peace settlement Denktash told a rally in the Turkish sector of the divided island capital Nicosia.

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Turkey closes border

Families split up

KAPIKULE, Turkey, Aug. 21. (Reuter): Turkey's decision to close its border with Bulgaria spread anxiety through weary crowds waiting today for ethnic Turkish relatives at the Kapikule crossing point.

"What will I do? My wife, children and parents all stayed behind," said one ethnic Turk in a rubbish-strewn car park where he had slept and waited for 25 days.

Scores of other people had similar fears as news spread that Turkey would restrict the flow of ethnic Turks from Bulgaria from 2 am tomorrow (2300 GMT Monday) to try to pressure Sofia into negotiating an agreement over their future.

"People are worried the crowded areas around the border will overflow from Bulgaria weighed down with household goods, seeking news of relatives.

About 310,000 ethnic Turks have crossed into Turkey since early June, fleeing what they say is a five-year campaign to assimilate the 1.5 million-strong minority.

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stay.

US Senator Dennis DeConcini, who visited the Bulgarian side of the border, said 10,000 ethnic Turks were waiting patiently there without water or facilities.

"What the Bulgarians have done to the Turks should be condemned," DeConcini told reporters.

New arrivals said they had spent up to eight days on the road in Bulgaria and predicted the delays would cause a popular explosion of wrath in villages which many ethnic Turks still wanted to leave.

"People in the villages were all packed up and ready to join their relatives. I wouldn't like to say what they will do if they can't come," said one relative.

At the border, dozens of families dragged four-wheeled donkey carts to and fro across the border piled high with bundles of clothes, beds and even stoves.

More than 2,500 had arrived by road and rail by four pm (1300 GMT) today.

"We had to put an end to this," said Vedat Demir, security chief of Edirne border province.

A small but rising number of people have returned to Bulgaria, over 1,300 in total and 70 on Sunday alone. Some waited to cross today, saying they had been unable to make ends meet in Turkey.

For the new arrivals, goods are loaded up onto trucks for transport to their new homes.

Glacier talks stall

SKARDU, Pakistan, Aug. 21. (Reuter): India and Pakistan have failed to make any headway in talks aimed at settling their bitter dispute over a bleak Himalayan glacier, Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said today.

She told reporters during a visit to the front line on the Siachen glacier — the world's highest battlefield — that Pakistani troops were dug in for another winter.

"There has been a delay in the negotiations," she said. "We are hoping that some progress would be made before the winter snow, but unfortunately that has not happened. As you can see everybody here is quite dug in for another winter."

Benazir flew by helicopter to a forward base at the foot of the glacier 16,500 feet (5,000 metres) above sea level. She praised the bravery of troops and was briefed by commanders.

The two countries began talks in June on disengagement of their forces from the bleak glacier, where their soldiers have fought sporadically since 1984.

The basic of the plan is the withdrawal of soldiers to positions held earlier without affecting claims to the territory.

UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar tried to break the deadlock by presenting a draft to serve as a basis for resuming talks.

The document had a mixed reception in both camps. Vasiliy accepted it, but Greek Cypriot opposition parties rejected it, while on the Turkish Cypriot side, opposition parties accepted it but Denktash rejects it.

Denktash was addressing a rally called to reject the draft immediately before the breakaway state's parliament opened a two-day debate on it.

The document attempts to bridge differences over the reuniting of the island through setting up a bi-zonal federation.



Benazir: no headway

Karachi curfew enforced

Violator shot dead

KARACHI, Aug. 21. (AP): Army troops shot and killed a man for violating curfew, police said today, bringing the death toll to 20 in a week of ethnic unrest in Pakistan's largest city.

Armed troops patrolled the troubled areas in armoured vehicles and on foot. Eight neighbourhoods were under curfew, some round-the-clock.

Police said six people were wounded in a firefight in one district last night.

Renewed clashes between Mohajirs, immigrant Muslims from India, and the local ethnic Sindhis, began last week in the working-class neighbourhoods of eastern Karachi.

Policemen said about 36 people have been injured, and 12 buses and a truck burned in the unrest.

"There is an acute shortage of eatables," said a housewife in one area by telephone.

Hundreds have died and thousands have been injured in ethnic riots fuelled by high unemployment and scarce housing over the past three years.

PADRI KALAN, India, Aug. 21. (UPI): Sikh radicals today killed 10 family members — five women and five children — in an attack believed paid for by a rival farmer over a festering land dispute in northern Punjab, police and witnesses said.

Police reported 10 gunmen from the "Bhindranwale Tiger Force of Khalistan," one of the most hardline Sikh separatist groups, staged the assault in Padri Kalan village, 25 miles (40 km)

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Special Report

Nature heals

Ayurveda is gaining recognition

LANCASTER, Mass., Aug. 21. (WNL): A growing number of governments are turning to an ancient healing system to help find cures for modern-day ills ranging from alcoholism to heart disease.

Ayurveda — literally the science of life — is a 6,000-year-old Indian doctrine which uses plants, herbs and minerals instead of surgery and drugs. Based on the theory that health is the product of a perfect balance between body and spirit, and that patients must be treated as a whole person, Ayurveda is starting to gain worldwide recognition as an alternative to Western medical techniques.

Already governments in India, Brazil, Thailand and Senegal have set up Ayurveda programmes, to run in tandem with the countries' established health-care service. Later this summer will see the start of the first such operation in Moscow. Indian-born Dr Deepak Chopra, head of the American Association of Ayurvedic Medicine, has been invited by the Soviet minister of health to open a clinic in the nation's capital.

Dr Chopra, a former chief of staff at the New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham, Massachusetts, trained in traditional medicine in his native India before moving to the US. "I had a busy practice in Boston, and then I got interested in Ayurveda," he explained. "It answered so many of the problems that Western medicine simply didn't address!"

Chopra does not dismiss traditional medicine — he and all the doctors working with him have medical degrees.

"Western medicine has some wonderful things to offer. We just tend to use them indiscriminately," he said. According to the doctor, one third of the annual US health care budget is spent on unnecessary drugs and surgical operations.

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In other developments, Sri Lankan radicals detonated a landmine under a Sri Lankan Army jeep, killing five soldiers and the civilian driver, military officials said today.

The bodies of six other people, five of them badly burned, were found in the Kundi Hill district, the officials added.

All 12 deaths occurred in a 24-hour period ending at midday today.

The military officials blamed all 12 killings on the People's Liberation Front, an ultra-nationalist Sri Lankan group that has been attacking the Sri Lankan-dominated government for the past two years.

The front accuses the government of making too many concessions to the Tamil minority and of weakening the nation's sovereignty by allowing Indian Peacekeeping troops to remain on the island.

However, opposition politicians and front supporters have accused the government or government-tolerated vigilante squads of responsibility for the charred bodies that turn up virtually every day in the Sri Lankan capital.

Senior government and military officials also have acknowledged privately that "excesses" have been committed in the government's fight against the Sri Lankan radicals.

The attack on the Army patrol occurred last night in Mahaweli, about 135 kilometres (85 miles) northeast of Colombo.

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Chopra: unique

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Just outside the small town of Lancaster, a 40-minute drive from Boston, Chopra runs a small but exclusive clinic, housed in a magnificent turn-of-the-century mansion set in 200 acres of rolling parkland. Guests — they are never referred to as patients — include businessmen hoping to resolve problems of stress, alcohol and tobacco addiction, and movie stars coming to recuperate from the rigours of show business. Since it opened three years ago, Elizabeth Taylor, Linda Gray — the Sue Ellen of the Dallas TV series — and members of the Beach Boys rock band have all been clients at the centre.

Other people come to Lancaster suffering from more serious ailments, including chronic arthritis, multiple sclerosis and cancer. In the chronic disease category

Raoul is still alive: sister

STOCKHOLM. Aug 21. (Reuters): Raoul Wallenberg's family hopes that glasnost will finally produce the truth about the Swedish diplomat who disappeared in the Soviet Union 44 years ago after saving tens of thousands of Jews from the holocaust.

They have accepted an invitation to Moscow to meet KGB and Soviet Foreign Ministry officials with a promise of access to all available information.

"Everything seems to be possible in the Soviet Union under Mikhail Gorbachev's new policy of glasnost (political openness). And we firmly believe Raoul is still alive," Wallenberg's sister Nina Lagergren said.

Wallenberg was last seen in January 1945 aged 32 when he was driven to see Marshal Rodion Malinovsky, commander of the Soviet troops occupying Budapest at the end of World War Two.

Moscow denied all knowledge of him until 1957, when they quoted a document declaring he had died of a heart attack 10 years earlier in Moscow's Lubianka prison.

Accepted

Sweden has never accepted the Soviet version and Wallenberg's family, encouraged by reports from former inmates of Soviet jails who say they have seen the missing diplomat, is convinced that he celebrated his 77th birthday on August 4.

Lagergren will travel to Moscow with Wallenberg's half-brother Guy von Dardel and the chairman and secretary of the Swedish Raoul Wallenberg Association.

Their trip has raised hopes of a breakthrough but Soviet officials have tried to tone down expectations. "According to the information we have here, there are no other documents," said Mikhail Skupow, Soviet press attaché in Stockholm.

Unveiled

Wallenberg's family and friends are torn between hope and realism.

"Somebody said that if Gorbachev opens a door and Raoul steps into the room it would be one of the most wonderful events of the century," Wallenberg Association secretary Sonja Sonnenfeld said.

"We will bring all our hopes to Moscow but leave our illusions behind. The invitation could be a public relations gesture only, but then again, if nothing comes out of it the world will be disappointed," she said.

A monument to Wallenberg was unveiled in Budapest in 1987. Senior Kremlin leaders and the Soviet media have praised his work for the first time.

Refugee influx in FRG

BONN, Aug 21. (AP): At least 1,400 East German refugees poured into West Germany over the weekend, including 500 people who seized the chance to flee during a "friendship" rally on the Hungarian border, officials said today.

The ever-growing tide of East Germans fleeing their country through Hungary's recently relaxed border with Austria prompted Bonn officials to plead for reforms by the communist East Berlin government.

It is relatively easy for East Germans to travel to Hungary.

More than 10,000 East Germans have made their way to West Germany since the start of August, according to Manfred Kersten, spokesman for the resettlement camp in Giessen, where most refugees are received.

The camp, about 50 kilometres (30 miles) north of Frankfurt, has become so crowded over the past few weeks that West Germany has converted a former military barracks near Muenster to house the overflow.

Leading Social Democratic politicians today called on the East German government of Erich Honecker to alter its domestic hard line and give its citizens hope that they may soon see reforms like those instituted in the Soviet Union, Poland and Hungary.

"We appeal to the East German leadership to revise its course and make possible the kind of pluralism and personal engagement that are evident in the Soviet Union today," said SPD leader Hans-Jochen Vogel.



Walesa (right) greets Mazowiecki with a bear hug. (Reuter wirephoto)

Blackmail, says Walesa

Row over cabinet seats

GDANSK, Poland. Aug 21. (Agencies): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa accused Poland's Communist Party today of blackmail by threatening to refuse to co-operate with the union over the formation of a government.

"Poland needs reforms. Only work on the concrete shape of these reforms gives credibility to the political forces active in our country. No one will achieve that through a policy of threats and blackmail," Walesa said in a statement.

Walesa said he was appealing to the communists to drop their threat to refuse to share responsibility for Poland's political future if they were not given a significant role in a Solidarity-led coalition government.

Communist Party pressed today for extra seats in the new cabinet and said members do not want to "put up their hands" in surrender to a Solidarity-led coalition government.

In an interview in the party newspaper Trybuna Ludu, first secretary Mieczyslaw F. Rakowski said he is looking for ways to strengthen the powers of the party.

Solidarity has offered the communists the ministries of Defence and Interior, but party journalist Daniel Paszat said in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp. that it probably would also ask for the powerful ministries of foreign affairs and finance.

"Hundreds of thousands of our comrades are waiting today all over Poland for the voice of their central committee on the issues most significant, not only for the party, but for the whole country," Rakowski said.

Prime minister-designate Tadeusz Mazowiecki, in Gdansk yesterday, said he has made no final decision on the makeup of his government but that it would be open to reform forces from all parties.

Earlier, Walesa told reporters: "If the Communist Party does not draw proper conclusions, and so far it has not, then it will have no chances whatsoever in the future. It should stop rocking the boat and start doing its job."

The Communist Party's policy-making central committee made the threat in a resolution passed on Saturday, the same day that President Wojciech Jaruzelski asked Mazowiecki to form a government.

The government would be the first in Eastern Europe to be

Azeris hold protest strikes

MOSCOW, Aug 21. (Reuters): Protest strikes have broken out in the Azerbaijani capital of Baku and in Sungait, flash-point of last year's bloody ethnic fighting between Azeris and Armenians, the official Azerbaijani news agency said.

A spokesman for the Azerbaijan Popular Front, which called the two-day warning strike, said from Baku that some 60 factories had shut down, including two defence plants.

The protesters are demanding greater political and economic autonomy and continued Azerbaijani control over the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, home to a large Armenian population.

But Nazim Raghimov of the Popular Front said preliminary figures from strike committee headquarters showed that roughly 100,000 workers at some 60 factories had downed tools.

These included two defence industry plants, the country's largest air conditioner factory and an equipment plant that supplies the oil fields of Baku and Tyumen in Siberia. Chemical factories in Sungait were also on strike, he said.

Baku and Sungait were said to be calm with no reports of disorder. In February 1988, 32 people died in Sungait in the worst-known ethnic riots in Soviet history.

Today's strike follows rising tension in the southern republic and a warning strike last Monday. A week of talks with local Communists' Party officials failed to deter the Popular Front's call for a republic-wide general strike, planned for early September.

Yesterday, demonstrators flooded Baku's central Lenin Square calling on local leaders to meet the Popular Front's demands after talks between the two collapsed. It was the fifth big protest in recent weeks.

The movement demands an end to Moscow's direct control over Nagorno-Karabakh, imposed last year after ethnic clashes between Azerbaijan and the neighbouring republic Armenia, and the lifting of a curfew and military presence in Baku and other Azerbaijani cities.

Soviets show off the deadliest weapon in their arsenal — Blackjack, the fastest bomber

MOSCOW, Aug 21. (AP): Another barrier fell to glasnost yesterday as the Soviets revealed to their own people and the world at large the deadliest weapon in their Air Force arsenal — the needle-nosed bomber NATO calls the Blackjack.

Bedeviled by a chain of recent mishaps, including plane crashes and the highly publicized defection of a fighter pilot, the Soviet Air Force dazzled its audience with its first air show in more than 20 years.

Although Western military attaches in attendance said they saw little that was new, the "aviation-sports holiday" was clearly an easing of once-obsessive military secrecy and a move in line with the policy of openness under Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev.

More than 150,000 people at Tushino airfield in north-west Moscow saw the supersonic Blackjack bomber — known here as the Tupolev-160 — streak by, along with other aerodynamics novelties like the Pontoon-winged A-40 floating amphibious rescue plane, the Ilyushin 96-300 jetliner and the cigar-shaped Tupolev-204, called the Soviet version of the Boeing 757 by Westerners.

High-performance fighters — including the MiG-29 and SU-27 — also thrilled the crowd with barrel rolls, loops and other gut-wrenching aerobatics that took them from the clouds 3,000 feet (1,000 metres) to near treble speed.

Then the Blackjack, which the US Defence Department says is the largest and heaviest bomber in the world,

OAU seeks strategy to end regional wars

Tough conditions set for negotiations with Pretoria

HARARE, Aug 21. (Agencies): Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe and other African leaders opened four days of summit talks today, seeking a new strategy to end the regional wars and to address apartheid in South Africa.

Mugabe said the leadership of South Africa's black majority was ready to engage in serious negotiations with the white-led government.

But "they and the people of free Africa must be convinced that the regime is serious about wanting to negotiate," Mugabe told the Organisation of African Unity ad hoc committee on southern Africa.

But because of "very difficult and delicate conditions" these initiatives needed more backing from the 50-member OAU and other world nations, the Zimbabwean leader said.

As conditions for negotiations, the OAU said the government must at least lift the existing state of emergency, free political prisoners, lift a ban on political groups and restrictions on individuals, withdraw troops from black townships and end political trials and executions.

A nine-page declaration on South Africa adopted in Harare by the OAU's ad hoc committee on southern Africa said any negotiations should aim to create a united, democratic and non-racist South Africa based on one person-one vote.

"The above mentioned steps must therefore be taken before negotiations," the document said.

The document clearly backed the known negotiating position of the African National Congress (ANC), the main guerrilla group fighting to overthrow South Africa's white government.

Current OAU chairman President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt said the meeting was convened at a crucial stage in Africa's struggle against South Africa's apartheid system of racial segregation.

"The most important fight in our struggle is the elimination of apartheid and racism in South Africa," he said.

He challenged guerrilla-backed African National Congress and the rival Pan Africanist Congress of South Africa to unite as one liberation group.

"We stand ready to bring together both organisations in conditions acceptable to their leaders," he said.

The ANC, the main guerrilla organisation in South Africa, has resisted previous calls for it to merge with the PAC and end a longstanding antagonism between the two groups.

PAC President Zephaniah Motepeng has said limited dialogue to date between South Africa's 26 million blacks and six million whites who hold political power has led only to "cosmetic" changes to apartheid.

"At present, that type of negotiation is out," he said.

Private summit discussion was scheduled on proposals for a new approach to South Africa's racial policies by the two main anti-apartheid movements.

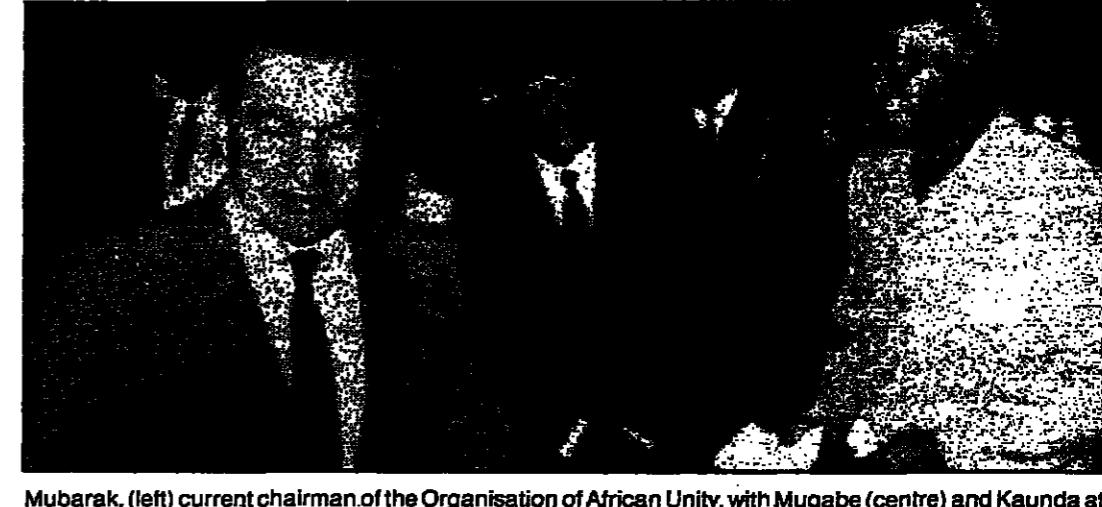
The specifics of the proposals were not made public.

President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, chairman of the southern African frontline states, is scheduled to meet South Africa's acting President and ruling National Party leader Frederick de Klerk on Aug 28 just a week before parliamentary elections in the country from which blacks are excluded.

Kaunda is expected to brief De Klerk on the outcome of the meeting.



Mubarak greets Zimbabwean women on arrival in Harare. (Reuter wirephoto)



De Klerk offers reforms

'Polls could be last to exclude blacks'

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 21. (Reuters): South African acting President F.W. de Klerk says he hopes next month's general election will be the last to exclude the republic's black majority.

"The new South Africa that we envisage... would be a South Africa in which all are first class citizens, a South Africa where everybody has the right to vote," De Klerk said in a Sunday night interview on state-run television.

"Time is of the essence. I will do my utmost to assure a tempo which will bring us to that ultimate goal of participation by all at the soonest possible moment."

South Africa's white, Indian and mixed-race colored voters will elect racially segregated chambers in Parliament on Sept 6 but the 23 million blacks still have no say in national affairs.

Asked whether this year's elections could be the last to exclude blacks, De Klerk said: "I think that everybody, including me, would wish that that would be possible."

De Klerk, seen by many as a new broom in South Africa's ruling National Party (NP), was sworn in as acting president last Tuesday after president P.W. Botha resigned in an acrimonious dispute with his heir apparent.

As the election approaches, analysts say he is trying to win friends abroad with promises of reform while reassuring white voters that the NP will protect their interests.

Weekend clashes between anti-apartheid demonstrators and police dented De Klerk's reformist image.

The government has already published a draft bill setting out vague proposals for a black franchise at a higher level than their existing vote, which is limited to municipal polls.

But Pretoria holds fast to a political system based on separate "groups" — a term which traditionally refers to skin colour, although the NP is now mooting segregation along cultural lines.

Asked whether the NP would abolish apartheid race segregation, de Klerk replied: "It depends on your definition of apartheid. Differentiation which does not entail anything negative for those participating is not apartheid."

The draft bill showed that Pretoria accepted the notion of black voting rights, but this could come only after negotiations leading to constitutional reform, de Klerk said.



Savimbi ready for truce

RABAT, Aug 21. (AP): UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi said he is ready to sign a permanent ceasefire with the Angolan government, adding that he was "optimistic" about the peace process.

Savimbi, at a news conference yesterday after meeting Moroccan King Hassan, said he sent instructions to rebel negotiators in Kinshasa, Zaire, to proceed with the signing of a permanent ceasefire agreement.

Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos and Savimbi called a short-lived truce, sealed with a handshake June 22 at a summit of African leaders in Gbadolite, Zaire.

Both sides have since accused the other of true violations which have become more numerous in recent weeks as sporadic talks take place negotiations continued.

Yesterday, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported that a 13-man government negotiating team had returned to Luanda from Zaire on Friday after waiting two days for the rebels to appear.

Kennedys tour southern Africa

Rory and Ethel Kennedy daughter and wife of the late Senator Robert Kennedy complete Ethel's immigration forms at the airport yesterday. Ethel arrived with her son Michael and a delegation of

American businessmen and politicians of the last stop on a tour of southern Africa. Rory Kennedy has been in Namibia for two months. (Reuter wirephoto)

flashed out of the north at an altitude of only 250-300 metres (yards), its four thundering jet engines leaving a yellow smudge of exhaust trailing.

Racing past at about 380 miles (600 kilometres) per hour, the 25-ton white-painted warplane, the nose of which makes it look akin to the Concorde supersonic jetliner, shot past the airfield in seconds, then soared toward the south and the high-rise towers of residential Moscou.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, said the aircraft tops the all other superpower bombers in engine power and top speed, which it gave as 2,200 kilometres (1,364 miles) per hour. The Blackjack is already in service with a Soviet long-range guards aviation regiment, it said.

According to the US Defence Department's 1988 "Soviet military power," the bomber has a maximum speed of mach 2.0 (twice the speed of sound) and an unrefuelled combat range of about 7,300 kilometres (4,500 miles). It reportedly can carry payloads of bombs or air-launched cruise missiles.

Described as Blackjack's "public debut" "the main event" of the airshow, which it said was attended by Politburo members Nikolai Slavyanov and Viktor Chebrikov and the Soviet Defence Minister Dmitry T. Yazov.

According to Jane's "all the world's aircraft" 1988-9, the Soviets are expected to build at least 100 Blackjacks at a new plant in Kazan. Eleven had been completed by 1988, Jane's said.

INTERNATIONAL

NEWS IN BRIEF

Chernobyl cleanup

MOSCOW, Aug. 21. (Reuters) - Clean-up efforts continue three years after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and threaten to bankrupt the Soviet Republic of Byelorussia, Tass said today.

It said the clean-up, after the world's worst nuclear accident, had failed to eliminate the dangerous effects of radiation across one-third of the republic's territory, requiring the relocation of another 100,000 people.

The official news agency put the cost of the proposed relocation at more than 10 billion rubles (\$15.15 billion), roughly equal to Byelorussia's annual budget.

"If clean-up operations are carried out by the republic on its own, Byelorussia's economic and social development will grind to a halt for several years," Vladimir Yevmikh, chairman of the republic's Chernobyl commission, told Tass.

Honecker surgery

EAST BERLIN, Aug. 21. (Reuters) - East German leader Erich Honecker has undergone surgery to remove gallstones and is recovering in hospital, the official ADN news agency said today.

"He is on the road to recovery," ADN said without giving any more details. Honecker returned home early from a Warsaw Pact summit in Bucharest in July after falling ill with a gall bladder complaint.

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CALAS, France, Aug. 21. (AP) - A worker crushed by a giant wedge of concrete during construction of the English Channel tunnel died in surgery at Calais Hospital, the hospital said today.

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Police in Calais said they have opened a separate investigation into the cause of the accident.

Ferry catches fire

TOPOLOBALMPO, Mexico, Aug. 21. (AP) - A passenger ferry crossing the Gulf of California caught fire 41 kilometers (26 miles) from port yesterday and began sinking, but all 355 people on board were rescued, officials said.

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Tropical storm

MIAMI, Aug. 21. (UPI) - Tropical storm Erin headed west over the open Atlantic today and hurricane forecasters expect its 45 mph (72 kph) winds to strengthen.

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260 boat people heading for Japan

TOKYO, Aug. 21. (AP) - Two Vietnamese boats carrying a total of about 260 refugees were headed today toward southern Japan, adding to a recent flood of arrivals straining the country's refugee housing, officials said.

Kaisuke Sakamoto, a spokesman for the Maritime Safety Agency, said a Japanese fishing vessel encountered one of the boats today near the Senkaku islands, 250 kilometers (156 miles) north-

west of Taiwan.

The 100-ton boat was carrying about 130 Vietnamese, who had left their country on Aug. 4 for economic reasons, he said.

The official said the Vietnamese were in good health and the Coast Guard gave them food and water before the boat headed for the island of Okinawa.

Another Vietnamese boat was found drifting

today off Nagasaki, 982 kilometers (614 miles) southwest of Tokyo, said an official at the Tokyo headquarters of the MSA, Japan's Coast Guard.

The MSA sent five patrol boats and a helicopter and confirmed the boat was carrying 137 Vietnamese, said the official, who declined identification.

Officials were uncertain where the boat people would stay tonight.

The Omura temporary refugee centre in Nagasaki, capacity 200, said it is sheltering nearly 450 Vietnamese and can take no more.

A group of 229 boat people who arrived in Okinawa yesterday had to stay overnight at a school.

So far this year, 22 boats have brought 1,651 Vietnamese refugees to Japan, compared to 219 for all of last year, according to government statistics.

Mostly Bangladeshis, Pakistanis

Japan nets illegals

TOKYO, Aug. 21. (AP) - Japan arrested more than 2,700 foreigners, mostly Bangladeshis and Pakistanis, between May 29 and June 17 for working or staying in Japan illegally, the Justice Ministry said today.

Police and immigration authorities arrested 2,705 foreigners in Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya during a campaign to "expose illegal foreign workers," said a ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He said 308 other foreigners surrendered voluntarily to police during the campaign.

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Asians on the rise in Sydney

SYDNEY, Aug. 21. (AP) - People of Asian origin will account for almost 15 per cent of Australia's population in 40 years, up from about 4.5 per cent now, Immigration Minister Robert Ray said.

Ray, in an interview yesterday, said that by the year 2030 nearly one in seven Australians will be of Asian descent. Australia's population is currently about 16.5 million.

Asians comprise the fastest-growing segment of the population in Australia, a nation whose population already is either 40 per cent overseas-born or with at least one immigrant parent.

Ray was responding to a study which said one in five people in Australia would be of Asian origin by the year 2030.

He said the report, by the office of Multicultural Affairs, wrongly lumped people from Israel, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Syria, India and Sri Lanka into an Asian classification.

The Labour government of Prime Minister Bob Hawke has a declared policy of multiculturalism, whereby immigrants are encouraged to maintain cultural ties with their homeland.

Ray said a ceiling for Australia's population may have to be established, and put a tentative figure of 25 million people as the upper limit.

The immigration minister told the Channel 10 Network that 70 per cent of immigrants settle in either Melbourne or Sydney to work.

"It would be very much better if we had a wider dispersal of migrants right throughout Australia, rather than concentrating on those two big cities which in turn puts on infrastructure costs," he said.

Ray said there was little the government could do but suggested one option might be to limit immigration.

"Immigration to any country always has been a self-interested thing," Ray said. "And within some stage in the future, for environmental or other reason, it may be in our self-interests then to limit immigration."

Australia was first occupied by Europeans in 1788.

AIDS risk Beware

PADUA, Aug. 21. (UPI) - Mothers of female prostitutes here are warning customers of the risk of getting AIDS from their daughters, who prostitute themselves for money to buy heroin.

By tracing car licence plate numbers, about 50 mothers are able to get addresses of clients, to whom they are sending letters warning of the disease, the Roman daily La Repubblica said.

"With our daughters you risk getting AIDS," the letter reads in part.

There are some 6,000 known drug addicts in this northeastern city of 242,000 near Venice, and most test positive for the AIDS virus, the newspaper reported.

Other cases hold swatches of black hair, some still braided and caked with mud, said to have been recovered from the corpses of women weighted down by stones and thrown into a reservoir.

There is a dagger said to have been used to cut out the eyeballs of civilians, and a gasoline can with USA on the side that allegedly was used to start one of the massacre fires.

The horrific accounts are illustrated by artists' reconstructions in which all the Americans are blond, with impossibly long, hooked noses and evil grins.

The soldiers allegedly drove nails into a local official, sawed off the head of a teacher and tied a worker to two

today off Nagasaki, 982 kilometers (614 miles) southwest of Tokyo, said an official at the Tokyo headquarters of the MSA, Japan's Coast Guard.

The MSA sent five patrol boats and a helicopter and confirmed the boat was carrying 137 Vietnamese, said the official, who declined identification.

Officials were uncertain where the boat people would stay tonight.

Napalm Viet girl going to US

Burning memory

HAVANA, Aug. 21. (AP) - The napalm Viet girl in the Pulitzer Prize-winning picture that came to symbolise the atrocity of war is planning a trip to America with a message of reconciliation and hope.

Phan Thi Kim Phuc was a terrified nine-year-old running from her napaled South Vietnamese village one June day in 1972 when Associated Press photographer Nick Ut captured her moment of agony for the ages.

The gripping picture appeared on newspaper front pages world-wide, enshrining Kim as a personification of Vietnamese suffering, and ravaging the American conscience.

Unseen in the photograph were the ghastly burns. "Her whole back and neck and arm were black like barbecue," Ut recalls.

"There was terrible heat. I was running, running, running away. I tore off my burning clothes. But the burning didn't stop. I was alone with that terrible heat," Kim told Los Angeles Times magazine writer Judith Coburn while preparing for a scheduled six-week trip across America.

The photograph led Gen. William Westmoreland, commander-in-chief of US forces in Vietnam, to charge that Ut's picture was a fake. The general said Kim had been burned in a hubba accident.

Ut said he had travelled with other journalists to the village of Trang Bang following three days of heavy fighting. The napalm that routed Kim and other villagers fell in the early afternoon. As she ran, the girl cried that her flesh was "burning so hot," Ut said.

Kim and Ut met again on July 24, their first encounter in 17 years, during a brief reunion in

Havana.

"To me, she's part of the family," said Ut, whose famous picture hangs in the den of his suburban Los Angeles home. "I tell my children, Bettina and Michael, who were born in America, how lucky they are to escape war."

Ut fled his native Vietnam in April 1975 and worked two years in the AP's Tokyo bureau before transferring to the Los Angeles office, where he continues to work as a staff photographer.

The Havana reunion was a shock for Ut. The wounded child he photographed and took to a

Amiri decree orders formation of governorate councils

Public services efficiency to be increased

An Amiri Decree was issued Sunday and published in the official gazette. Kuwait Al Youm ordering the formation of councils in all the five governorates in the country. The councils will assist the governor in running the daily affairs of the governorate. The decree said that the duration of the council is two years after which it is liable for renewal.

Each council will consist of 19 members, 15 citizens residing within 150 and the governorate to be appointed through an Amiri Decree after being recommended by the Prime Minister, in addition to two chairmen of two co-operative societies in the governorate, a representative from Kuwait Mun-

icipality who must be at the level of an assistant undersecretary and the director of security in the governorate. The decree said that the council will elect its chairman and deputy chairman in its first meeting from among citizens. It added that each governorate council will have a general secretariat formed of citizens in the governorate and appointed by the governor.

Duties

The decree identified the duties of the governorate councils as co-ordinating with the governor in contributing to the economic and social development of the governorate and supervising all affairs that contribute to its progress.

It added that the council will have to study the requirements of the governorate and work to meet them within the limits of available financial resources. The councils will also work to speed up and increase the efficiency of public services and discuss the problems of citizens in the governorate and try to make them a part of the solution.

The councils will also encourage all social, educational, sports, cultural and health activities by guiding them to induce the spirit of co-operation among the governorate inhabitants. The council will have also to spread public awareness particularly relating to voluntary work and also work for

the protection of the environment through co-ordination with the concerned authorities.

Meetings

The decree said that the councils will have to hold regular meetings at least every two months or when needed or when one third of the members demand it and at the request of the governor. The meetings of the council will be valid when an absolute majority of the members attend provided they include the chairman or his deputy. The decisions of the councils are also taken in absolute majority vote. The discussions of the councils must be behind closed doors, the decree said.

The councils are free to form permanent or temporary committees specialised to look into certain issues.

They can seek assistance from government employees by demanding that from the governor. The decisions of the governorate council must be forwarded to the governor within one week of its approval by the council. The governor should ask the concerned ministries of their opinions about these decisions and should reply to the council chairman within 15 days of receiving the decisions.

After this period, the decisions become effective, except those decisions that may create a dispute between the council and the governor which should be submitted to the

Higher Council for Governorate Affairs.

The decree said that the governors will have their own financial resources to spend on their projects. These funds should come from allocations provided by the Council of Ministers, funds donated by co-operative societies for social services and donations by the public.

The decree also ordered the formation of a higher council for the governorates affairs to be headed by the Prime Minister. The higher council will include the Ministers of Interior, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Planning, State Minister for Municipal Affairs, Governors, chairman of

governorate councils, and a representative from each governorate council who should be from the 15 civilian members. This higher council will have to hold four meetings at least every year at the request of its chairman.

The main duties of the Higher Council is to study the decisions of the governorate councils, co-ordinate joint issues among the governorate councils, prepare the working charters of the councils and other supervising duties over the governorate councils. The decree said that it is allowed to divide each governorate in co-operation with Kuwait Municipality and gradually, into several areas, each of them can have its own council.

Power and water are heavily subsidised

STATISTICS issued by the Ministry of Electricity and Water indicate that the average daily consumption of electricity of the limited income houses (government houses) ranges between 150 and 300 kilowatts which costs 300 to 400 fils. The daily water consumption varied between 350 to 500 gallons costs 280 to 400 fils. It added that the monthly consumption of power for the limited income house costs KD9 to 12 while water consumption costs KD8.400 to KD12 a month.

It pointed out that the average daily consumption of electricity at the private houses (villas) ranges between 250 to 300 kilowatts (500 to 600 fils), while average water consumption varied between 500 to 750 gallons a day (400 to 600 fils a day). This means that this average monthly electricity bill of each villa is KD15 to KD18 a month and water consumption KD12 to KD18.

Electricity consumption of a flat with normal air-conditioning averages 40 to 60 kilowatts a day (80-120 fils) with the monthly bill varying between KD2,400 to KD3,600. The average electricity consumption of the centrally air-conditioned flat varies between 60 to 80 kilowatts a day (120 to 160 fils) totalling a monthly bill of KD3,600 to 4,800. The monthly consumption of electricity in Kuwait costs KD16,537,235 and consumers only pay KD2,362,462 with the state covering the rest. The monthly cost of water consumption in Kuwait reaches KD4,794,315 and consumers pay only KD1,598,105 with the state paying KD3,196,210.

The monthly cost of consumption of brackish water amounts to KD611,853 with consumers paying KD111,246 while the state pays KD500,607.

Quadruplets born

A JORDANIAN lady gave birth to quadruplets (three males and a female) after five years of sterility. The woman delivered the test tube babies five days ago. She visited the Jordanian Sterility Treatment Centre nine months ago. Her case was diagnosed as suffering from an imbalance in the fertilisation hormone. Such a case makes the woman sterile for life, the director of the centre Dr Zaid Al Kilani said.

New ministry of culture proposed

Regular book exhibitions to be held

THE Secretary General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) Dr Farouk Al Omar has supported a proposal to establish a separate ministry for culture. The council is considered a semi-ministry but is now run by the Ministry of State for Cabinet Affairs, the official said an added that the council does not find any problem in carrying out its activities. One of the most important achievements of the council is the annual book exhibit for which preparations are undertaken six months in advance.

A number of cultural seminars, plays and lectures are performed during the days of the exhibit and a number of prominent Arab poets and writers will be invited during the coming book exhibit to deliver some lectures and seminars, the official said.

He added that another important achievement of the council is the children toys and books exhibit. Many people do not understand the real aim of holding such exhibitions and complain that only a limited number of books and toys are available in the exhibit because they believe that an exhibition is a place to gather and collect the biggest collection of these books and toys. But he added that the exhibition aims at offering an opportunity to visitors to select the best toys and books for their children. These exhibited books and toys are selected by a special-

ised committee which studies and inspects them before display in order to ensure that they do not include any harmful material for children and their education.

The toys are studied by specialists and chemists to make sure of their safety.

"We are also concerned about the educational role of these toys and their positive effects," he said. Omar added that council is proud of issuing the series of Aalam Al Maarifa (World of Knowledge) book and the International Culture Magazine. He added that council's Aalam Al Maarifa series is the biggest one in the Arab world. We print about 50,000 copies of each book which are sold quickly. Some of these books are adopted as text books in some Arab universities, he said.

The council has a number of sales centres in Safat Square, Faitha area and another one in Bayan area. He called to unify the cultural institutions in Kuwait in one body to achieve optimum results.

The council encourages any Kuwaiti or non-Kuwaiti desiring to write about Kuwait by buying their books and giving them rewards.

The council is now preparing a five-year plan. It set up a committee headed by Dr Abdulla Ghulam to prepare for the State's Prize. We plan to organise a number of painting exhibits, and cultural seminars during the coming period, the official said.

Omar pointed out that in an affluent country enjoying a level of luxury like Kuwait society it is really saddening to see how very few Kuwaitis engage themselves in the highly rewarding and educational hobby of reading.

Meanwhile, the Undersecretary of the Information Ministry Abdul Aziz Jaafar said that number of Kuwaiti cultured people are more than those in Kuwait compared to the population.

We have a good number of famous Kuwaiti poets. But he added that most of people do not read books because they are busy in their work or attracted by other forms of media or culture like radio and television as well as newspapers.

Programmes

Kuwait radio and television tries to offer a wide format to society in all fields especially the cultural field. The official said that programmes of Kuwait TV do not reach the required standards, but added that efforts are being exerted to develop these programmes in future.

Undersecretary of Information pointed out that news bulletin is the most important programme he watches on television. The ministry plans to develop the news bulletin in order to attract more viewers and added he also listens to different programmes on Kuwait radio and other foreign broadcasts.

Union calls to revise payment system

THE chairman of the board of directors of the Union of Labourers working at Kuwait Municipality and Kuwait Fire Department Mousalam Mohammad Al Barrak has stressed the need for reconsidering the existing bonus distribution and overtime pay system applied at the municipality.

He said that the issue is the subject of a meeting held by the board last year under the chairmanship of the minister of state for municipality affairs and acting director general of the municipality, during which it was emphasised that bonuses would be endorsed for deserving and hardworking staff.

He pointed out that overtime pay in certain departments was approved following official correspondences with the Civil Service Commission.

The board intends to set up a special fellowship fund through which the board could seek to enhance the activities of the security fund managed by the fund, the official said.

He highlighted the existing defects in the social security funds which he said fell short of serving the

workers at the Municipality or the Kuwait Fire Department.

He commented that the board had already requested payment of allowances to workers at the Health Affairs Department by a memorandum submitted to the minister of state for municipal affairs and Civil Service Council.

The allowance percentage given to qualified workers is low and incompatible with work assignments. Supervisors at the building department are suffering from a lack of transportation to follow up work performance although they are obliged to use their own private cars. In contrast certain officials had available to them more than one car which they never hesitate to use for their private businesses, the official commented.

The board will participate in the meetings to be held in Morocco scheduled for Sept 11-13 by the Executive Council of the Arab Union of Food Industries Workers, to discuss the agenda for the 5th conference by the union.

Infrastructure in Kuwait to be completed by 2000 AD

KUWAIT will complete its basic infrastructure by the end of this century, Fuad Mulla Hussein, secretary-general of the Higher Planning Council (HPC) said and added that 11 years are considered a short span in the age of nations. During the next 11 years we will complete the road and sewage networks and other essential services and utilities.

"This will bring us to the 'take-off' stage in relation to real development work," the official said.

Hussein was speaking on Kuwait's development strategy and disclosed that follow-up reports on the implementation of the five-year plan indicated both positive and negative factors in achieving some aims of the plan. One of the negative factors in the report indicated that the population of non-Kuwaitis is increasing in comparison to Kuwaitis although the plan expected to achieve a balance in the population of Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis by the end of the plan.

On the positive level, some goals of the plan like health services and eradication of illiteracy have been successfully achieved.

Opportunities

The official pointed out that the HPC approved the strategy of the coming five-year plan at its last meeting. The strategy focused on building the Kuwaiti productive citizen. The outline of the plan includes several disciplines such as education, administration and immigration.

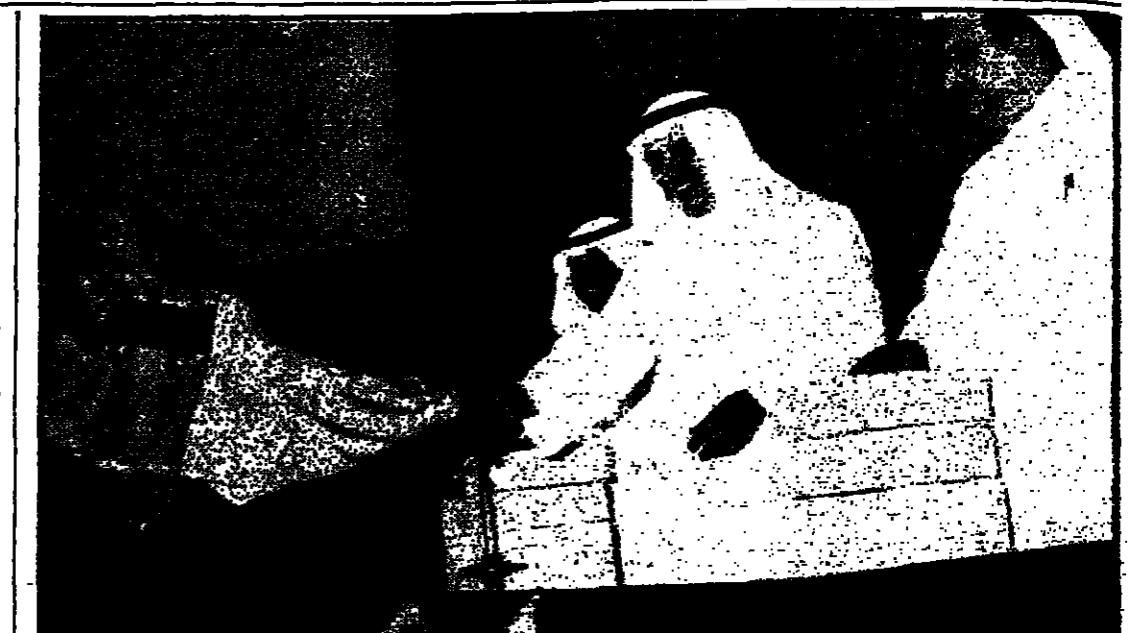
The state has a responsibility to provide work opportunities for Kuwaiti youths. Hussein said and added the private sector can positively contribute in this direction and called on this sector to shoulder its responsibility in the interests of the country. "Work opportunities should be made available to every productive Kuwaiti," the official reiterated and added that plans should be developed to support the private sector in order to encourage it to employ Kuwaiti youths.

Elaborating, he said that although the private sector being profit oriented will only provide job openings to productive Kuwaitis and called on all citizens to work towards being productive members in the form of a united Kuwaiti family.

The next plan aims at developing the role of the private sector in order to activate the national economy, the official said and added that there should be a diversification in the economic base of the state. Kuwait cannot afford to depend on oil as its only source of revenue, he commented.

The secretary-general pointed out that HPC's secretariat undertook a study relating to the activities of co-operative societies in Kuwait. The study which is now being reviewed by the economic committee of the council includes several proposals to develop the co-operative work in the country and has introduced new instruments to achieve this aim.

Activities of this sector have resulted in a turnover of about KD200 million — which is considered a fairly large amount for a small country like Kuwait. Consumer products are being channelled through 40 co-operatives located at all areas of the country. Unfortunately, the present five-year plan did not reflect in any manner on the activities of the co-operative societies, Hussein said.



Computer competition

A prize awarding ceremony was held at the Training Centre in Jabiya yesterday under the patronage of the Education Ministry Undersecretary Abdul Rahim Al Khodari during which prizes were given to students excelling at the summer clubs computer competition.

Present at the ceremony was the ministry assistant undersecretary for educational services Ibrahim Abul Khalil, the acting director of the Department of Schools Activities and Dr Hmoud Al Sedouri, manager of the computer-introduction-into-the-educational-system project, besides a number of ministry officials, teachers and principals.

Security main concern

Utilities incomplete, say east Fintas residents

INHABITANTS of the East Fintas area have sounded out a local daily on the level of public services in their neighbourhood and whether they appreciated the building styles of their houses.

Abdul Rida Jasem Shaban said that the houses were satisfactory and that these constituted a better option than the land-allotment and a loan, and that the services were complete and lay within reach of all residents, although the clinic was still under construction.

Hafeez Mohammad Al Ajami expressed appreciation of the area lay-out and the perfection of the road construction saying that schools were available and ready while the co-operative society building remained to be completed.

Raja Mutlaq Al Azimi said the area was clean, had spacious streets, with large parking lots, and the area was quiet but one could still see garbage littering the streets, as the municipality garbage-collecting vehicles picked up the garbage wrapped up in the black bags, leaving the streets out of its concern.

He added that services were being gradually connected, the telephone lines were being installed and certain mosques and buildings remained under construction.

Dimashq Mohammad Al Ajami said that the overhead water tanks left a bad taste and smell to the water, despite repeated attempts by him to

wash the tank, and he finally had to resort to the National Housing Authority who sent a man to take a specimen from the tank for testing but he had not as yet heard from them, while the problem remained.

He added that a mosque located where he lived was built with the money donated by the inhabitants but hardly accommodated the number of worshippers, while a municipality supervisor prevented him from growing jasmin near his house despite the government's call for public contribution to the national greening plan.

He said that the security situation in the area was not tight enough as a total of 18 cars had so far reported stolen, and students had been seen vandalising school windows and the residence of the mosque imam with no one around to stop them.

Police station

He added that three weeks ago he saw a police patrol vehicle speeding through, but apparently the driver lost control of the steering and hit a nearby pavement.

Naser Mohammad Al Otaibi said the area was good and the positive aspects outnumbered the existing defects and negativities, however the police patrol car was a rare sight, while certain blocks had only one access which constituted a major architectural flaw since the elderly had a difficult time crossing from block to another to catch their prayers at the mosque.

Police station

Fahid Minahi Al Ajami said that the telephone service in the area was connected to Riqqa central which served a total of 1,120 subscribers there and that as a result we often had interferences and cross-connections.

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Groups

Commenting on the Arab co-operation groups which appeared recently (GCC, Arab Co-operation Council-ACC and Arab Maghreb Union, AMU), he stressed that all these groups will support the role of Lebanon and Lebanese self-determination without foreign intervention.

Maskari speaking to Qatari News Agency hoped that the tripartite committee will continue its efforts to save Lebanon from its crisis.

Commenting on the Iraq-Iran dispute, Maskari stressed that the GCC states played an active role to arrive at a permanent peace agreement. The GCC states played a role to implement the UN Security Council's Resolution No. 598 that advocates peace between Iran and Iraq. He hoped that the present circumstances and developments in the area will encourage the two countries to the eschew peace plan.

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Commenting on the co-operation among the GCC states, Maskari said that it is making marked progress to ensure stability and peace for people of the area. He expected that a unified driving licence of GCC states will be issued at the end of this year as interior ministers of GCC states approved the unified form of the driving licence. The GCC states are also working towards bringing about a unified passport of GCC states. They are also endeavouring to implement the GCC unified economic agreement with the objective of bringing about enhanced economic activity and commercial trade within the GCC, the official

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Ahmadi governorate to enhance security

Two new police centres in south Kuwait

TWO new police centres which are presently under construction will be opened in Dhafran and west Fintas areas, according to Brigadier Fuad Mussed Al-Saleh, Director of Security at Ahmadi Governorate.

The Ministry of Interior has provided the services of additional policemen to enhance operations of this vital sector, the official said and added that crimes committed are not of a serious nature, but

related to minor scuffles, issuance of dud cheques, petty thefts and violations of the residency law.

Camels

Security personnel at Ahmadi have positively contributed to reducing acts of vandalism committed by youths and related acts of harassment in the area. Ahmadi Governorate reported 882 crimes

and 1,395 misdemeanors last year, he said. Commenting on the problem of stray camels in Ahmadi Governorate, he said that only one camel was shot as it had caused a traffic accident and had to be put out of its misery due to receiving serious injuries. Problems caused by stray camels can be solved by fencing the two sides of the motorway to prevent them from crossing these roads.

The governorate has issued a number of decisions prohibiting the public from hunting near the oil installations and other vital infrastructure. Security has been heightened at all vital installations and security personnel have been recommended not to show any leniency to those violators who do not comply with the governorate's decisions, Brigadier Saleh said.

No comment on diseased sheep issue

RIYADH, Aug. 21. (AP): A delegation of Australian officials left Saudi Arabia today without commenting on their 3-day effort to persuade Saudi authorities to stop rejecting Australian sheep imports on health grounds.

The delegation, led by Dr Gardner Murray, a senior Ministry of Primary Industry and Energy official, was headed for Kuwait, an Australian embassy spokesman said.

The spokesman, who could not be named under embassy rules, gave no information on the delegation's talks with Saudi officials. He said an official statement would be made in Canberra.

The official Saudi Press Agency and pro-government news agencies did not report the delegation's visit.

An agriculture spokesman said only that the delegation discussed the issue with Agriculture Minister Abdul Rahman Al-Shukri and Commerce Minister Abdulkarim Al-Salaimi as well as ministry officials at the two departments.

seen in Faroe

An agriculture Ministry official said his department has turned away some 30,000 head of Australian sheep in four shiploads, claiming ministry health experts found them suffering from bluetongue and sheep pox, both contagious and fatal diseases.

The Saudi move caused a furore among Australia's live-stock exporters. The Saudi market absorbs about half the estimated 1 million head of sheep that Australia exports annually to the Middle East.

The exports are worth about \$250 million, or about \$100 million.

Australian officials in Canberra and the Gulf have denied the sheep are infected, noting that shiploads turned away from Saudi Arabia were later declared healthy in neighbouring Gulf countries, including Kuwait.

Murray arrived in Riyadh the day after the Saudis reportedly turned away a ship with 30,000 sheep destined for the Gulf port of Dammam.

Saudi officials earlier refused entry to three other ships carrying 227,000 live sheep, at both Dammam and the Red Sea port of Jeddah.

John Kerin, Minister of Primary Industry and Energy said in Canberra that the Saudi charges were not supported by clinical evidence.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amir receives students

KUWAIT, Aug. 21. (KUNA): HH the Amir today received a student delegation representing summer clubs and swimming pools belonging to the Ministry of Education.

The students delegation extended thanks and appreciation to HH for his permanent support and encouragement to them.

The audience was attended by Electricity and Water Minister and acting Education Minister Dr. Homoud Abdulla Al-Raqib, Education Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al-Khudary, acting assistant undersecretary for education services, acting director of schools, director of schools activities department and director of physical education.

Contracts signed

KUWAIT, Aug. 21. (KUNA): Public Works Minister Abdul Rahim Al-Houti today signed contracts worth KD3.6 million for the completion and maintenance of three kindergartens and the operation and maintenance of the central kitchen at the Centre for the Handicapped.

The kindergartens will be located in North Ardiya, Bayan and Omariyah. The four contracts went to a local firm.

Zayed message

ABU DHABI, Aug. 21. (KUNA): President of UAE Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahayan has received a message from Indian Premier Rajiv Gandhi, the contents of which were not disclosed.

The message was handed last night by Indian ambassador to UAE during a meeting with Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al-Nahayan.

Eritrean peace talks Ethiopia seeks GCC support



Kassa Kebede with Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed.

he said, was highly appreciated by his government.

Talking about the peace initiative, Kebede said that a mainstream opposition organisation, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, the Eritrean Liberation Front and some organisations representing the Muslim majority in lowland Eritrea, had accepted the initiative but he hoped that other organisations would follow suit.

The Ethiopian leader clarified, however, that matters like complete independence, as demanded by the Eritrean organisations, or autonomy, as always proposed by his government, are not pre-conditions for starting the talks and said the peace initiative is flexible enough to accommodate any suggestions from both parties.

He went on to say that the Addis Ababa government was keen to see that the conflict comes to an end because it has enough problems awaiting solutions like the drought and the refugees on its territories.

Answering a question on his country's relations with the Sudan, Kebede denied accusations that his government extends military support to the armed rebellion in south Sudan led by John Garang and said such support was limited only to humanitarian aid to hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the conflict zone.

He said that the rebellion was going on before the Falashas took over power in Ethiopia, therefore, these accusations do not hold water. He added that his government has recently reached agreements with Djibouti and Somalia for repatriation of refugees and that it was ready to conclude a similar agreement.

He further said that his recent visits to Cairo and Baghdad were within this target and that Iraq has dispatched a team of diplomats to Addis Ababa to open an embassy, this initiative.

BAHRAM DIGEST

Clean-up campaign in public areas

BAHRAM is to start an operation with the help of a newly formed task-force to clean-up its beaches on a regular basis. According to an announcement made by the Central Municipal Council the clean-up campaign will be undertaken by a team of municipality workers every two weeks.

The announcement to start this operation comes in the wake of some serious pollution problems around Bahrain, particularly affecting the island beaches, including the longest one, the Zallaq beach. For the past few years Bahrain has been conducting a campaign committed to themes like the 'Beautification Scheme' and 'To Keep Bahrain Tidy' in a bid to protect the environment as well as maintain the general standards of cleanliness in the island. Numerous appeals have gone to the public to co-operate with the authorities to support such campaigns. Bahrain is a small place and thus it becomes more imperative to keep it beautiful and clean according to official sources of the Directorate of Tourism and Archaeology and the Directorate of Parks and Gardens.

In recent times there has been a strong and widespread effort to promote and develop tourism in Bahrain, particularly in the regional market. Bahrain's beaches comprise among its chief attractions. With a growing number of both residents and tourists flocking to the beaches these summer months there has been a growing concern for their health safety, bearing in mind the existence of pollution around the waters of the island.

Earlier this week Sheikh Rashed Bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, Assistant Undersecretary for Tourism and Archaeology, complained about the state of both marine and industrial pollution affecting the seas around Bahrain.

Arab info committee meet opens

TUNIS, Aug. 21. (KUNA): Arab Information Standing Committee opened its 47th ordinary session here today attended by representatives of various Arab countries.

Head of Kuwait's delegation, Information Undersecretary Abdel Aziz Jaafar told KUNA that the committee endorsed the agenda that would be presented to Arab information ministers scheduled to meet here next Wednesday.

He said the meeting also reviewed and ratified the resolutions adopted by ministers in their previous session in Baghdad.

The agenda approved by the committee today comprised a number of topics, including an Arab information plan on the international arena for the next year and a draft information code of ethics, Jaafar said.

Proposals on better usage of the Arab satellite, Arabsat, by member states, Afro-Arab information co-operation and a study for setting up an Arab television programme production company were also endorsed by participants, he added.

Per capita electricity utilisation only 5 pc

THE Ministry of Electricity and Water said yesterday that the maximum annual electric load has increased 103 times during the past three decades, while the power production capacity has increased 106 times during the same period. In its statistical annual report, the ministry added that mean annual growth rate per capita electric consumption has dropped from 11.8 per cent in 1958 to just 5 per cent in 1988. The ministry said that this indicates a positive trend in conservation of energy and added that the average per capita share in produced electric power has increased 8 times while the total generated energy annually has risen by 64 times over the same period of time.

Kuwait's population in 1958 was slightly over 230,000 while the population rose to about 1.96 million by the end of 1988. The statistical report said that per capita annual consumption of electric power was 1,322 kilowatts in 1958 while it increased to over 10,000 kilowatts in 1988.

Increase

The report added that the maximum load of consumption recorded on a day in 1958 was only 38 MW, while the production capacity was 70 MW. The increased to 3,920 MW in 1988 and the production capacity also increased to 7,398 MW.

It said that the maximum daily load increased by 25.9 per cent during 1958 and 1968, and by 15.6 per cent between 1968 and 78 and by just 9.5 per cent between 1978 and 88. It added that peak consumption during 1988 was recorded on two days. The first was on June 14 when temperatures rose to 49 degrees Celsius and relative humidity was 29 per cent. The second day was on Aug. 30 when the temperatures was 40 degrees Celsius and relative humidity was 94 per cent. The maximum load on the first day was recorded as 3,900 MW and 3,920 MW on the other. It said that if this is compared with the maximum load recorded on a day in 1987, which was 3,740 MW, then the annual growth rate in consumption is 4.8 per cent.

Power generation

The ministry said that there are six power generation and water desalination plants in Kuwait with a total production capacity of over 7,000 MW per day. The largest of these plants is Al-Zour South Station with 2,511 MW, followed by Doha West with 2,400 MW, Doha East 1,158 MW, Shuaiba South with 804 MW, Shuaiba North 330 MW and finally Shuaiba plant with 195 MW. Concerning the electric power produced during the various seasons of the year, the report said that the power plants produce the maximum during the third quarter (summer) and the minimum during the first quarter (winter).

In 1988, all the power plants produced about 19.6 million MW. They produced 3.1 million MW in the first quarter, 5.4 million MW in the second, 6.9 million MW in the third and 4.2 MW in the fourth quarter. It said that only 16.7 million MW of the power produced was consumed.

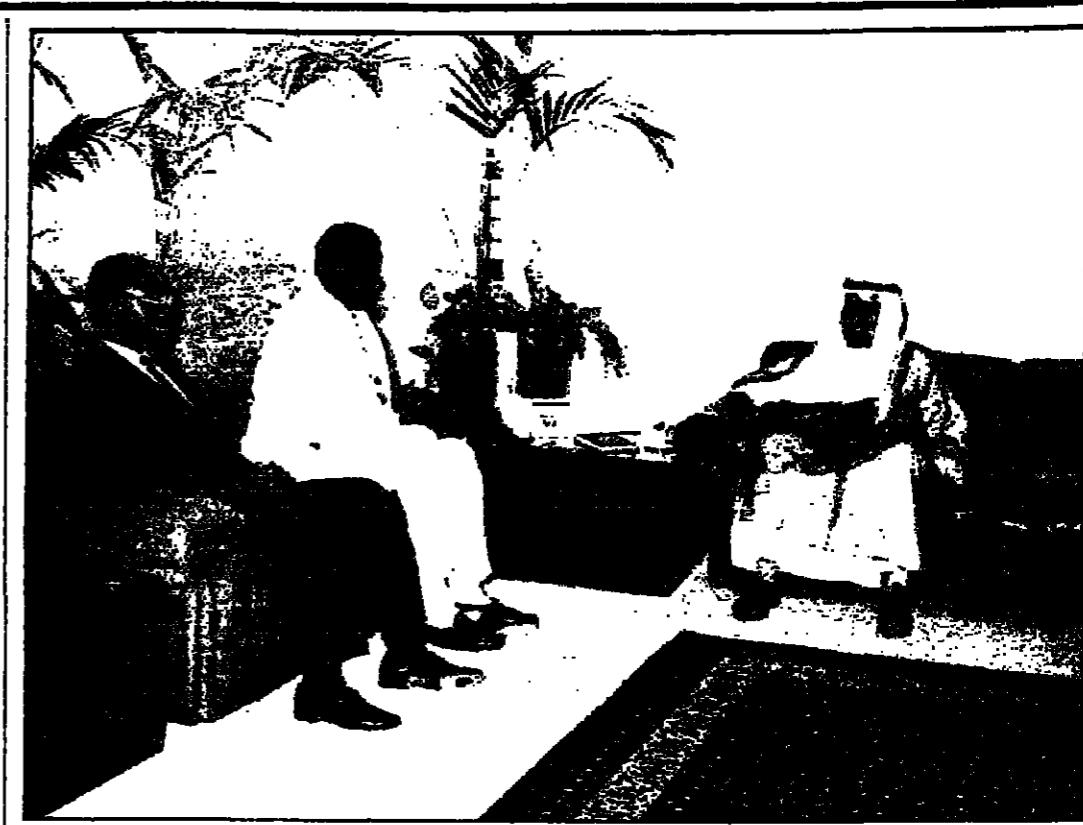
A total of 2.5 million MW were consumed in the first quarter, 4.7 million MW in the second, 6 million MW in the third and 3.5 million MW in the last quarter of the year.

Head of Kuwait's delegation, Information Undersecretary Abdel Aziz Jaafar told KUNA that the committee endorsed the agenda that would be presented to Arab information ministers scheduled to meet here next Wednesday.

He said the meeting also reviewed and ratified the resolutions adopted by ministers in their previous session in Baghdad.

The agenda approved by the committee today comprised a number of topics, including an Arab information plan on the international arena for the next year and a draft information code of ethics, Jaafar said.

Proposals on better usage of the Arab satellite, Arabsat, by member states, Afro-Arab information co-operation and a study for setting up an Arab television programme production company were also endorsed by participants, he added.



Amir receives Omar Sey

HH the Amir yesterday received in audience Gambian Foreign Minister Omar Sey who delivered to him a message from President Dawda Jawara. Present at the audience were State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohamed Al-Osaimi and Gambia's ambassador to Kuwait.

Overland truck drivers complain of exploitation

Total lack of rest areas

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truck owners at the fruits and vegetables market suffer many problems. Through a field tour of truck parking lots at the market made by a local daily a large section of truckers indicated that the location designated for truck parkings at the market is neglected.

A trucker said that the place is taking on the appearance of a slum adding that overflowing sewage halls make the place unbearable and unhealthy.

At the location there is only one bathroom serving nearly 350 truckers. It is usual to see truckers sleeping under their trucks while others sleep on top due to lack of rest areas and because they fear that their units may stop working and spoil goods.

One of the truckers was taking a cool shower under his truck and away from public eyes to clean up after a long and tiring journey. Many have complained of the bad treatment they receive from merchants at the market pointing out that many merchants use their trucks as storage areas for their goods, by delaying unloading goods for days.

Another trucker said that they are liable to lose a part of their fees or even all of it in case the goods spoiled. He stated that merchants wait for several days before unloading goods for inadequate excuses.

Fees
Riyadh Roshdi, a refrigerated truck owner and driver said that he brings vegetables from Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Egypt. He indicated that truck-

ers fees depend on demand and supply.

At the present time the fee of a refrigerated truck from Jordan to Kuwait is KD375-400 with a load full of vegetables. The same load costs KD600 from Turkey to Kuwait, KD500 from Lebanon to Kuwait and KD900-1000 from Egypt to Kuwait.

In addition, he said, that over-flowing sewage halls at the parking area makes the place unbearable. He pointed out that a trucker may stay for a full week under such tragic conditions and under the heat of sun. The place is unhealthy and trucks should be kept operating 24 hours to preserve vegetables.

Regarding their relation with merchants, Issa stated that truckers have a maximum waiting period of 24 hours in order to unload their trucks at other countries but, here in Kuwait the situation is different, truckers may wait for several days waiting for merchants orders to unload their goods on the excuse that the market is full.

Laws
Riyadh expressed truckers demands of an airconditioned rest area, and complete service facilities due to the fact that they sleep under their trucks. He indicated that the parking area lacks safety utilities adding that a fire in one of the trucks may easily spread its way to the other trucks. He said that a fire truck should be at the location at all times.

Delays
Riyadh complained of the delay they face while loading and unloading their trucks. He said that merchants at the market may deliberately delay the unloading of their goods for several days until the market prices go up. Some of the goods include commodities that are easily perishable, he added.

Issa Al-Tawaiba another trucker said that he loads his

Power cut again in Wafra area

By Nasehat Al-Agha

WAFRA residents again complained of the continuous cuts in electricity in their area. They complained that the power has been disconnected from their area during the past 4 days and their repeated appeals to the Ministry of Electricity and Water went in vain. Rashed Al-Mussallam told Seyassat the power problem has not been solved and called upon the Minister of Electricity and Water, Dr. Homoud Al-Raqib, to instruct the technical agencies in the ministry to find a comprehensive solution to the problem.

Wafra area houses over 500 different farms for animals, chicken and agriculture. Last month, a farm owner reported the death of 12,000 chickens from his farm in Wafra when power went off for 5 hours only.

Meanwhile the Court of First Instance has sentenced a man to three years in jail and a fine of KD100 on charge of smuggling 2.3 grams of hashish and two bottles of whiskey for his personal use.

However the Court of Appeal decided to reduce the sentence to two years in jail with hard labour and to a fine of KD50 provided that the defendant submitted a deposition to lead a straight life.

The general prosecution has referred to court the case of a man charged with aggravated assault causing the victim severe traumatic injury as evidenced by the coroner's report.

The court heard that the suspect engaged in a heated argument with the victim over the way he drove his car which almost knocked the suspect from his bicycle.

The court fined the accused KD100. The suspect was tried in absentia.

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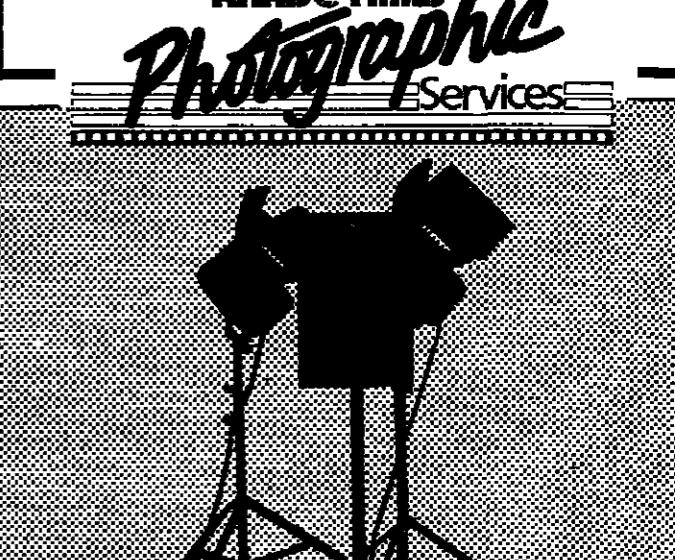
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Pastor protests over apartheid

Election ultimatum

PASTOR Allan Hendrikse, reviled by leftists since 1984 for entering South Africa's segregated Parliament, vows he will wash his hands of participatory politics if apartheid is not dead in five years.

In that case he would drop opposition to the exiled African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla movement. He says next month's parliamentary poll is the last time he will lead coloured (mixed-race) voters in a race-based election.

"The three pillars of apartheid must go in five years," he said in an interview before speaking in support of his son, Peter, at an election rally in the farming village of Hankey.

Residential segregation, racial classification at birth and the reservation of separate facilities for different race groups would have to be unconditionally suspended by 1994.

"Otherwise I will have to pull out and say over to you, I give up. I will not be a part of an armed struggle, but... it would be tantamount to an endorsement from me of the ANC," he said.

Hendrikse, a 51-year-old congregational church minister, leads the anti-apartheid Labour Party which holds 76 of the 80 elected seats in the coloured House of Representatives, one of two chambers for non-whites set up in 1984.

Sweep

In the September 6 elections he wants to sweep all 80 seats so that he can fight the government to maximum effect.

"There is no advantage to opposition among the government and we can be stronger if we have the whole house," he said.

Hendrikse served as the first non-white minister in P.W. Botha's cabinet before quitting angrily in 1987. Botha had attacked him for ingratitude and once berated him for nearly half an hour on national television for swimming at a whites-only beach.

He was clearly a hero to the 350 coloured farm workers who packed a church hall in Hankey, where the tar gives way to dirt on a road off the coastal motorway to Port Elizabeth.

The men wore ties and heavily patched suits. The women were smartly dressed as though for church. Everyone listened closely, punctuating his points with murmurs of approval.

The talk was largely about housing, of which there is not enough, about replacing nightsoil buckets with water-borne sewerage, about electrification, schools and medical care.

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Others, like coloured reformed churches leader Allan Boesak, urge non-whites to shun Hendrikse and boycott the poll that will exclude blacks, who outnumber whites, Indians and coloureds by more than three to one.

"Prove that the tricameral Parliament is a fraud," he said at an opposition rally in Cape Town. "We must not serve systems that entrench apartheid. We must make sure that this is the last election from which (blacks) are excluded."

Restricted

Chervi Carolus, a leader of the heavily restricted anti-apartheid United Democratic Front, said at a university rally: "Any option that is open to us to resolve this country's problems will be utilised, but they must be real options. We cannot opt for halfway measures like this that will never bring a lasting peace."

The UDF campaigned to oppose registration of coloured voters when they went to the polls for the first time in 1984, their only parliamentary election so far.

Only 31 per cent of registered coloureds voted then and the UDF calculates that the true turnout was only about 18 per cent of eligible voters.

Hendrikse says participation has enabled him to use the two billion and (\$875 million) House of Representatives budget to improve pensions, schooling and housing for South Africa's 2.8 million coloured people.

He also cites a 20-year record of anti-apartheid activism.

Hendrikse differs from the urban radicals who revile his tactics in his rejection of socialist economic principles and his opposition to apartheid from within the three-chambered parliamentary system imposed by Botha in 1984.

"I have no doubt that participation for us has been the correct strategy," he said, pointing out that it was his refusal to co-operate that prevented former President P.W. Botha from extending the life of Parliament and his own presidency to 1992.

"He needed us to force through that constitutional change. We said no, not unless you dismantle residential segregation. That's why they are having the election now."

He conceded, however, that he was unable to force Botha's hand in anything short of a constitutional change because the tricameral system is loaded in favour of the ruling white party.

(Reuters — Hankey)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1485 — England's King Richard III is killed at battle of Bosworth, ending War of Roses.

1567 — Duke of Alba establishes "Council of Blood" and begins reign of terror as military governor in the Netherlands.

1572 — Earl of Northumberland is executed at York, England, for treason.

1582 — Ruthven raid in which English party in Scotland captures King James VI while he is hunting and holds him captive until June 1583.

1642 — English civil war begins with King Charles I branding parliament and its soldiers traitors.

1654 — Jacob Barsimson, said to be first Jewish immigrant to America, lands at New Amsterdam.

1717 — Spain attacks Sardinia under pretext that some Spanish subjects have been arrested in Italy.

1788 — British found settlement in Sierra Leone, Africa, as asylum for slaves.

1791 — Blacks revolt in French portion of San Domingo in West Indies.

1798 — French forces land in Ireland.

1910 — Japan formally annexes Korea.

1911 — Leonardo da Vinci painting "Mona Lisa" is stolen from Louvre museum in Paris, France. It is recovered in Italy in 1913.

1941 — Nazi troops reach outskirts of Soviet city of Leningrad in World War II.

1972 — Rhodesia is asked to withdraw from 20th Olympic Summer Games because of its racial policies.

1986 — Angolan guerrilla leader says Soviet-aided government forces have started using chemical warfare in 10-year struggle for control of nation.

1987 — Latin American foreign ministers meet in Caracas to discuss peace in Central America.



Retribution: a suspected collaborator, beaten by the crowd, is taken into custody by police and soldiers during the liberation of Paris, August 1944

Shaping thinking 50 years later

Legacy of World War II

SAVAGELY attacking Poland a half-century ago, Adolf Hitler's armies sparked a conflagration that killed more than 50 million people and spread world-wide in history's costliest war.

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Revised history books for Soviet high school students still insist Moscow's forces defeated Japan virtually single-handed, even though the Kremlin did not declare war on Japan until three days after a US bomber dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

The textbook for the 11th grade says "the use of the atomic weapon was not militarily necessary."

"By this crime, unprecedented in the history of mankind, imperialist circles in the USA wanted to demonstrate its then-strategic superiority before the whole world," the book says.

But Soviet students do learn that their country's agreement to divide up Poland with the Germans was unjust.

In Warsaw, a newly emboldened communist government is moving closer to blaming the Soviets

for the massacre of more than 4,000 Polish officers in Katyn. To reverse the official line — that the Nazis did it — would constitute a monumental act of historical revisionism in East European minds.

Momo Kapor, a best-selling Yugoslav author and satirist, summed up the distortions of the past this way: "During the past 40 years or so, grandpas and grandmas, uncles and old aunts have been correcting, secretly, official lessons from textbooks.

While Britain remains unabashedly proud of its wartime role, other Western European nations, such as France and Italy, have had to face up to the darker side of their war record.

France was easily defeated in 1940 and then was divided into an occupied zone and a French puppet regime headquartered in the town of Vichy. The Germans later occupied the whole country.

French try to forget

IN France, where World War II is known as '39-45' to distinguish it from other German invasions, people no longer glance nervously across the Rhine. But not everyone has forgotten.

"I'm afraid not many of these men like to talk about it," said Jeanne de Barrel, who looks after 44 World War II victims at the Veterans hospital near Les Invalides, the vast complex Napoleon used to house the casualties of his wars.

"Victims from the war of '14-'18 are more prepared to accept what happened," she said. But for the war that started on Sept. 1, 1939, it is still too soon.

The approach of the 50th anniversary of the war's outbreak has prompted reflection on the period that saw France defeated and then occupied for nearly four years.

"Most veterans blame a Nazi organization, not Germans," Madame de Barrel said. "My family suffered, too, and will be marked forever. But one must evolve and move forward."

Maurice Desmier, a resident of Tours who lost an arm to German shells on the Marne in the first year of the war, has long since gotten on with his life. He heads an association of war amputees in France.

He is happy that a Franco-German army brigade now manoeuvres jointly. He sees no problem that both countries plan to join other members of the European Economic Community in melding their economies in a more united Europe beginning in 1992.

Germany has invaded France three times since 1870.

A decade ago, spurred by personal friendship between French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, France began extending its military umbrella to its neighbour.

"Absolutely not, I have seen no resentment at all," said the mayor's wife, Ingrid Charles, a German who has lived in Normandy since she came as an au pair girl 26 years ago. "Only the Dutch are sometimes reticent toward Germans, but that doesn't last long."

She and her husband run an elegant campground at the

joint army brigade symbolizing the newer. But the allies found symbols work both ways.

Officers cannot agree on a marching pace. Significantly, the unit sat out France's Bastille Day parade marking the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution.

"Fear is gone and, officially,

there is no bad feeling against the Germans," Desmier said. He paused and added: "Of course, I cannot say there is no resentment in people's hearts."

Attitudes vary widely, by geography, individual nature and experience.

After all these years, fresh flowers appear on the white grave markers that seem to stretch out by the beaches of Normandy. No one has removed rusting shore guns from their bunkers.

Rachel Ewenczyk, 78, refuses to shake the hand of any German of her generation. Her father, sister and brother were among the 75,000 deported French Jews who did not survive death camps.

But she is warm to German exchange students who come to Paris to visit her grandchildren.

In rural areas of the Corrèze, deep in France's heartland, some people maintain stony silence at the mention of '39-'45.

But in the tiny town of Moyaux, just off the Normandy coast where Allied forces landed to liberate France, there seems to be little rancor.

As West Germany slips away from its past reinforce to dabble in world politics, Bonn is jostling Paris as a centre of power.

In recent months, the French press has devoted pages upon pages to issues lingering from '39-'45. The influential Paris daily *Le Monde* carried a supplement on the literature of a new, friendly Germany.

Scholars stress the European link of history. For many, '39-'45 was World War III. Napoleon's march eastward from France was first, unless one counts Charlemagne, a millennium earlier.

labour problems and parallel economy are all deep-rooted and thriving?

The person who said "politics is the last refuge of a scoundrel" cannot be wrong. Isn't that so?

C.K. Satyarthi,
Satyarthi

Irresponsible headline

SIR: As an Indian I strongly object to the front page headline "Thief may steal the show." Arab Times dated Aug 21, 1989. Putting the offensive word in quotes does not absolve the newspaper of the responsibility to show some deference to the prime minister of one the largest democracies in the world.

I.F. Ahmed,
Kuwait

Sticky issues

A year after the ceasefire

ONE year had passed since the start of the Iraq-Iran peace talks and nothing tangible had been achieved.

On August 20, 1988, the ceasefire agreement between the two warring countries came into effect according to UN Security Council Resolution 598, and five days later the talks between the two sides started under its auspices.

Four round of talks were held between the Iranian and Iraqi negotiators in Geneva and New York respectively, but the talks were obstructed due to the two sides' conflicting views regarding the international border lines, opening of Shatt Al Arab waterway for safe navigation and exchange of prisoners of war.

Regarding the international border line separating the two countries, Iran insists on abiding to the Algiers treaty signed in 1975, which stipulates the border line lies in the deepest point in Shatt Al Arab, while Iraq stresses on its sovereignty over Shatt Al Arab and abides by the 1937 pact, which says that the eastern part of Shatt Al Arab is the border line between the two states.

Concerning the part in the first article of Resolution 598, which stipulates the withdrawal of the two countries' forces back to their lands, Iraq insisted on not pulling out its troops from Iranian territories until Shatt Al Arab is cleaned and opened before the Iraqi navigation, and until Iran stops searching Iraqi ships sailing in the Arab Gulf waters.

Iraq refused to respond to the Iraqi demands and insisted on the withdrawal of the two countries' forces to the international borders first.

Concerning the exchange of prisoners of war issue, Iraq accuses Iran of obstructing this humanitarian problem. Iran has 70,000 Iraqi prisoners and Iraq holds 35,000 Iranian captives.

The Iraq-Iran negotiations on finding a comprehensive solution to the conflict between the two sides could take a while, because the eight-year destructive war that killed or injured around one million persons cannot be overcome easily.

The United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar had stated on the first day of negotiations between the two warring countries that "the differences between Iraq and Iran had deep roots and did not go back to several decades and centuries. If you want to understand

Cyprus is a prime listening post for Mideast

NICOSIA, Aug 21. (Reuters): Diplomats call it "microwave alley."

Why, they ask, did the Soviet Union and the United States decide to build new embassies on the holiday island of Cyprus within an electronic whisper of each other?

Glassnost? perestroika? A sign that the cold war is over?

Perhaps the monks of the Nikos Monastery amaze who sold the two superpower rivals the prime land in central Nicosia know the answer.

The Soviet embassy is partly occupied, and the American still under construction. But the

size of the embassies underlines the importance of this island as the prime listening post in this corner of the world.

Cyprus has historically been a victim of its geography, set strategically in the eastern Mediterranean on the rim of Nato and facing the front door of the turbulent Middle East.

Like Lisbon in neutral Portugal during World War Two, non-aligned Cyprus is a haven for the intelligence gatherers.

"Cyprus is a listening post for Iran, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon where it is difficult to have people on the ground," an Arab source said.

It is one of the few countries in the region to have high-level Israeli and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) diplomatic missions.

"Arabs keep track of boat schedules and timing and try to smuggle fighters into Lebanon," he said.

"They watch Israel, Israeli spy ships and each other," he added. "Others are here just in case something happens."

Israel watches the Arabs and the Iranians.

"There's nothing terribly sinister about the large Soviet presence here," a Western political source said. "They just want to get in on the act."

Another major power, China, has decided Nicosia is worth the investment in a new embassy. Its mission with enclosed oriental garden and moon gate is out of eyeball range of the Russians and Americans to the West.

But the French embassy and the West German Ambassador's residence are within the Moscow and Washington missions' surveillance range.

Normally the spying game in Cyprus is genteel. Bitter Arab foes when at home can be seen playing pool together. "It's all very friendly," the Arab source said.

But occasionally violent Middle East rivals

spill over on this tranquil holiday island.

In May, six Lebanese were arrested after police uncovered what they said was a plot to shoot down Lebanese Christian Army Commander Major-General Michel Aoun's helicopter with Soviet-made Sam-7 missiles.

The year before a car bomb intended for the Israeli Embassy blew up in Nicosia street killing three people and injuring 19 others.

A few months earlier Palestinians were blown up when their car exploded in the port city of Limassol.

But cloak-and-dagger spying, clandestine

meetings in smoky bars, passing of coded messages at secret rendezvous and cryptic messages breathed down the telephone have been dwarfed by modern technology.

The modern spy relies mostly on sophisticated electronics and satellites.

Cyprus, where goats are still herded, olives gathered by hand and the donkey is still an important means of transport in remote country areas, can boast a modern spying infrastructure.

A sovereign British base on the south coast on the road from Limassol to the resort town of Paphos bristles with radio antennae.

'Together until we reach Jerusalem'

PLO opens treasury in Amman

AMMAN, Aug 21. (Agencies): Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat inaugurated a new headquarters for the PLO's treasury today, calling it "evidence of the unique Jordanian-Palestinian relationship."

Hundreds of people jammed the street in a diplomatic quarter as Arafat raised the flag at the new headquarters of the Palestine National Fund.

"I say to my people and to Jordanian people that we are together and side by side until we raise the Palestinian flag in Jerusalem, the capital of the Palestinian state, God willing," Arafat told reporters.

The fund was based in Amman for three years until 1986, when King Hussein closed 25 of the 36 PLO offices in the Kingdom due to disputes over the direction of efforts for peace with Israel.

Shots, stones—quite normal

Gaza duel often ends in death

GAZA, Aug 21. (Reuters): The temperature rises, Arab youths skip to calls; and the adversaries in the Palestinian uprising beginlessly duel until often ends in death.

Starts with a single stone thrown at an Israeli post on a rooftop overlooking the Gaza city market beside the intersection bearing the now emotional name of Palestine Square.

More stones follow, smashing into the walls and roof above the troops. Soon the soldiers are replying with tear gas, bullets and rocks of their own.

This battle in the occupied Gaza Strip was on Sunday. But a virtually identical one took place in the square the day before. Everyone expects another one today.

A tear gas canister ripped through the windscreen of a car passing through the square. A passenger, clutching his abdomen where the canister hit, was carried to the nearby hospital.

Drivers with horns blaring made a frantic effort to escape the square. Young men, often the same ones who throw the stones, jumped into the street to take charge of clearing the traffic. Tear gas started again. Smoke billowed across the square. Youths shouted taunts. A rock ricochet past an Israeli soldier forcing him to jump and drawing cheers from young Palestinians.

Stones were coming from three directions at the Israeli soldiers. But across the street, now littered with stones, Arab women continued to sell cheap clothes they had displayed on the pavement.

Another barrage and the stone-throwing ended abruptly as two Israeli Army trucks screamed into the square.

Troops spread out in search of the "shabab," a word which literally means young men but is now synonymous with the resistance to the 22-year-old Israeli occupation.

"They never find them," commented a smiling Palestinian. Occasional shots echoed down the street as the troops edged along the fronts of buildings.

The youths had melted into the maze of houses. But the tension and anger that left them remained.

Gaza city is dirty, congested and visibly poor. The fronts of shops are coated in tar sprayed by the Israeli authorities months ago to obscure graffiti supporting the Palestinian uprising.

A boy showed two spent cartridges from an Israeli M-16 automatic rifle he had just retrieved.

"Look. Look what the Israelis do to us," an old man selling fruit on a street leading off the square shouted at a foreign journalist.

Traffic reappeared in another block. But steel shutters again clang shut across shops and cars began to scatter in anticipation of fresh trouble.

"It happens every day, sometimes several times a day," said a taxi driver, who agreed to drive to the Israeli frontier 10 km (six miles) to the north.

Stop singing, women ordered

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 21. (AP): A group of Jewish women fighting for greater freedom of worship at Judaism's holiest site, the Western Wall, suffered a setback today when the supreme court ruled they could not sing at the wall.

The court issued a temporary injunction ordering the "women of the wall" to follow the rules of the ultra-orthodox rabbis who oversee religious activity at the site.

The rabbis banned the group of 110 women from singing and had them dragged by ushers from the wall, prompting the women's appeal to the high court.

Earlier, the rabbis blocked them from reading the Jewish holy book, the Torah, or from wearing prayer shawls during their services.

A suit filed by the women in May asks the supreme court to uphold their prayer rights, including the wearing of shawls and use of the Torah. A final ruling in the case is expected before year's end.

Peace with Sudan junta unlikely, say rebels

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, Aug 21. (AP): Peace talks between Sudan's new military junta and Sudanese rebels broke off after an acrimonious two days with the two sides agreeing only on the need for further talks, a rebel source said today.

Sudan's new leader, took control of the huge, impoverished North African nation saying one of his first priorities was to find a peaceful solution to the civil war.

However, the rebel source said the talks resulted in a stalemate with the government side refusing to consider any of the rebels' standing demands — a lifting of the state of emergency, abrogation of military pacts with Egypt and Libya and the suspension of Sudan's Islamic penal code.

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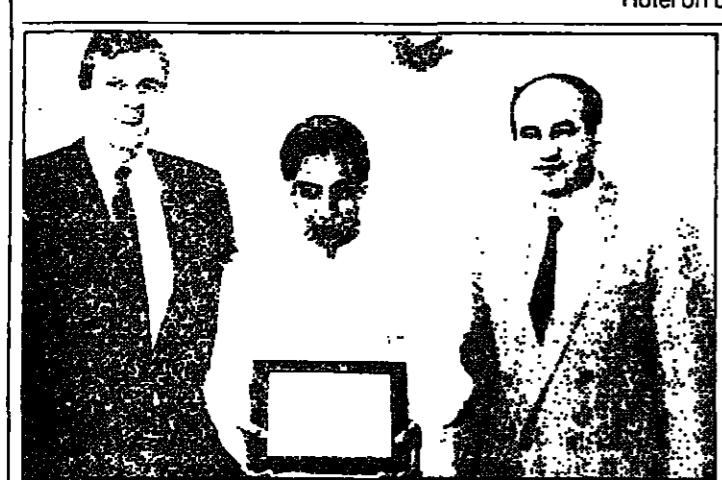
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EVENTS



Inter-hotel bowling tournament

Kuwait Darush Darries sponsored the first Inter-hotel Bowling Tournament held at the Kuwait International Hotel. Five of the major hotels competed. Kuwait International Hotel, Meridien Hotel, Holiday Inn Hotel, SAS Hotel and Messilah Beach Hotel. Competition was hard and the standard high, with supporters from each hotel cheering their sides. The eventual winners were the Kuwait International Hotel, runners-up the Meridien Hotel, and in third place SAS Hotel. The prizes were presented by Simon the general manager of the Kuwait International Hotel on behalf of KDD.



Employee of the Month

Kuwait Sheraton Hotel recently awarded Nour Alam and Saeed Basloun with the Employee of the Month awards for their efficiency at work. This ongoing Sheraton programme recognises employees for their outstanding services, efforts and dedication to duty which makes Sheraton the leading hotel in Kuwait. Picture shows Johan Weinzell, resident manager, Nour Alam from Food and Beverage Department and Fawzia Kanso, Food and Beverage manager.

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Arabic film

New head for BBC Arabic service

SAM YOUNGER is the new head of the BBC Arabic Service, succeeding Bob Jobbins who has been appointed editor, World Service News. The Arabic Service is the largest of the BBC's language services, broadcasting to the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf for 63 hours a week.

Younger has close connections with the Middle East. He worked as Assistant Editor of the Middle East International monthly magazine for six years, before joining the BBC External Services as a talks writer in 1978, specialising in Middle Eastern and US affairs. He has worked for the World Service Current Affairs department in a variety of posts, most recently as head, and was assistant head of the Arabic service from 1986-87.

"I am delighted to be rejoining the service, which is currently going through a period of significant change," he says. "I look forward to playing my part in developing it further and making sure it retains and enhances its status as the leading international broadcaster in Arabic."

Sam Younger, 37, is a Londoner. He was educated at Westminster School and at



Sam Younger

New College, Oxford, where he read philosophy, politics and economics. His interests include sport and choral singing and taking care of his three-year-old son.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22232) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

selections of fast food including our very own specialities.

At the Kuwait International

LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

Faileka: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbecue every Friday afternoon.

La Patisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries, exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

At the Kuwait Plaza hotel

SPECIAL breakfast: Al-Dallah coffee shop features the breakfast you like most. Full buffet of all kind of delicious dishes to be savoured by you. Eat as much as you can and whatever dish you fancy for only KD 0.995 only.

Special lunch and dinner: Also at Al Dallah coffee shop: Offers daily businessman's lunch "autour d'un plat" at a reasonable price. Serves Arabic and international dishes. Live music nightly from 7:30 pm.

Les Elysees Restaurant: Experience the ambience of French seating and meticulous service while savouring authentic French food offered on our "menu degustation," a four course meal served with a touch of nouvelle cuisine. For reservations call: 5634200

At the Pullman Hotel

AL Shallal coffee shop: Offers daily businessman's lunch "autour d'un plat" at a reasonable price. Serves Arabic and international dishes. Live music nightly from 7:30 pm.

Roman nights: The Italian restaurant in the heart of French seating and meticulous service while savouring authentic Italian food offered on our "menu degustation," a four course meal served with a touch of nouvelle cuisine. For reservations call: 5634200

At the Messilah Beach

AL MUBARAKIAH: The only 24-hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and continental specialties with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.

AI Jawharah Super Night Club: Live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN Sat - Wed. 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs. 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Kapilk contest

AUGUST 15: Kapilk will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salimiya. This coincides with Araw ng mga Bata (Children's Day). For details contact Jejo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects. VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang -- Tel: 483447.

Kalpak exhibition

SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone Nos: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Breeze '89

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's -- Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lots of surprises await. For fur-

ther information pls contact the organisers, Casmir or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3:30 pm.

Fiesta Filipiniana

UNDER the auspices of the Philippine embassy here in Kuwait, the Filipino Cultural Club, under the competent leadership of Buddy Patungan, proudly announces to its clamouring fans the comeback of "Fiesta Filipiniana '89" with the original cast at its original venue — where else, but at the spacious elegantly-lit Al Jaha Ballroom of the Meridien Hotel. Play day is set on Friday Sept 8, 1989, 4 to 7 pm.

For more particulars and ticket reservations, contact Florence — 2436121 or 2439451.

Colva Nite

OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ball Room of Ramada Al Salem Hotel. Top Ranks in attendance. For details contact tele: 2413884/2434776/562914-1/4310913 after 5 pm.

Italian food festival

EVERY evening upto August 24 at the Ramada's El-Bendar Coffee shop, enjoy our cuisine where you can taste the biggest selection of Italian food such as: Ravioli alla stuffed with Spanish, Cannelloni with Pionas sauce, Tagliatelli with shrimps, and Zuppa Pavese famous soup.

HOTELS

At the SAS hotel

AL GHAEZER: SAS hotel's very own handicrafted show.

Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food, beverages and fishing tackles provided on board. For booking, call 5657000 ext 416.

AL BOOM: Dine on charcoal grilled foods and finish off with delta coffee. Open for dinner daily, lunch every Thursdays and Friday and for reservation call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

PEACOCK ROOM: Chinese specialities served in a very cozy atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

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1989 Marlboro Desert Challenge

Top drivers to challenge Qatari dominance

International motorsport in the Middle East resumes after a long break with the BP 2000 Trophy, Jordan on Sept 14, 15. Top drivers from the Gulf states and Jordan are expected to contest this, the second round of the 1989 Marlboro Desert Challenge.

Organised by the RAC, Jordan it will feature a prologue on Thursday to be followed by a testing 150 km of twisting desert stages on Friday. The all conquering Marlboro Mitsubishi team will again field three long-wheel-base Pajeros. These drivers Abbas Al Mosawi (Qatar), Mamoud Khayat (Saudi Arabia) and Tareq Al Wazzan (Kuwait) currently hold the top three slots in the series, following the BP 2000 Trophy in Oman.

Among the local crews expected to take part are two of King Hussein's sons, Prince Abdullah a former national champion and his younger brother Prince Faisal. Ex-Lebanese champion Michel Saleh will also take part in his Range Rover fitted with a powerful 4.2 engine. Three times Middle East champion Mohammed Bin Sulayam (UAE) is also expected to take part.

"Jordan will require a completely different driving technique to that required for the soft sand conditions in the Gulf," said Abbas Al Mosawi, winner of the 1988 Marlboro Desert Challenge.

The 4x4 series which caters



Tareq Al Wazzan

for both modified and standard vehicle groups allows crews to count their best three out of four results. Currently, only two points separate the leader in Group 1 Al Mosawi from his Saudi rival Khayat who won the Group A Middle East title in 1985.

"The challenge is still wide open," predicted the Saudi ace

Khayat.

In Group 2 Qatari veteran Jaber Al Marri who tops the drivers table in his Nissan Pathfinder also faces a real challenge from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Experienced Riyadh based Mohammed Al Malki will debut his new V6 Mitsubishi Pajero in Jordan, in the familiar red-and-white colours of Marlboro. The win-

ner in this group will as his prize, receive an all-expenses paid trip to a top European rally school.

The next round of the BP 2000 Trophy, Qatar on Oct 5, 6, will present crews with demanding soft sand conditions. Due to the central geographic location of Qatar in the Gulf, this event is expected to attract the largest entry in the series.



Leaving for good

Baby Thomas, a well-known figure among Malayalee community in Kuwait is leaving for good, after 25 years service in Kuwait, to his home town in Kerala. A farewell party was arranged by his well-wishers and friends on Aug 11 at John's residence in Hawaii.

The meeting was arranged in a homely atmosphere and main guests were, Verghese Gee (First Secy, Indian Embassy), George Tharakkan (Assistant Manager, Air India) and M.C. Bose (Economic Editor, Arab Times).

The meeting started with Jayan Pattath's introductory speech praising Baby Thomas's contributions in the field of culture, charity and towards the artistic activities in Kuwait.

Verghese Gee, George Tharakkan, M.C. Bose and Augustin Alanolikkal made felicitation speeches. In reply, Baby Thomas thanked John and family and the rest for the honours showered on him. The popular stage artist, Miss Sherly John expressed vote of thanks.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Asr Al Hob: Daily Arabic Serial (Part 4)
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
- 11.15 Naseeb: Daily local serial (Part 12)
- 12.05 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety



Ascene from Captain Power on KTV2 at 6.30 pm today.

- 12.15 News Summary
- 12.20 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.45 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Amigo and the friends: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Captain Power: Dread issues his orders to eradicate Captain Power and his soldiers. But unexpected help came to rescue Power and his men.

- 7.00 Gone Fishing: New Zealand salmon. A look at the world's most popular recreational sport. Types of fish, where to find it, how to get there.

- 7.30 The New Adventures of Beans Baxter: Bean's unpleasant introduction to modern science. Where Beans is involved in operating a newly developed Robot for protecting

- VIPs
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 A Different World
- 9.00 Horizon: "After Chernobyl." The effects and marks as a result of Chernobyl disaster.

- 10.00 Hooperman: "In Search Of Bijoux." Hooperman while searching for his lost dog he succeeds in tracing evidences for unsolved mystery.

- 10.30 LA Law: "I am in the Nude for Love." The people protest against an adjacent settlement for the nude. Victor stands against two parents who plan to put an end to their unconscious daughter.

- 11.30 News in Brief
- 11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

PRAYERS	
Fajr	3.56 am
Zohr	11.51
Asr	3.26 pm
Maghrib	6.21
Isha	7.43



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Asian Energy Institute launched in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Aug 21. (Agencies): The Asian Energy Institute (AEI) was formally launched here Friday to promote and co-ordinate research on energy in eleven countries of the region.

In inaugurating the institute, K.R. Narayanan, State Minister for Science and Technology, said there was an urgent need for such an agency because the entire region was short of energy.

He said there were "high hopes that the new institute would eventually become a model for the rest of the world." It would initially act as "the

hub of a network of the energy institutions in the region" and identify energy efficient technologies and work on their transfer to countries within the region.

According to Dr R.K. Panchuri, director of Tata Energy Institute, the AEI would facilitate the flow of information on different aspects of production, consumption and conservation of energy.

At a later meeting, the head of the Iranian Institute for Political and International Studies, Dr Ali Shams Ardekani, was elected president of the institution. Office-bearers appointed

included Saswinadi Sasmoko of Indonesia (vice president), Preeti Malhotra of the Tata Energy Institute of India (secretary) and Dr Ikhitiyar Omar of Bangladesh (treasurer).

The meeting also discussed the world energy situation and its effects on international markets, especially in Asia, inter-regional natural gas trade, the environmental impact on urban transportation economy, power plants and the joint training and dissemination to the public of energy issues.

In launching the institute, Asian countries are expected to co-operate in

the energy sector on the lines of the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA), which determines the energy issues of European Economic Community (EEC) member states.

Iran first floated the idea for the institute at the Asian commemoration conference, which was held here in October 1987.

AEI comprises two OPEC member countries Indonesia and Iran together with China, Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Jordan and India.

In another development Iran and

Japan have failed to reach agreement on ending Japanese participation in the Iran Japan Petrochemical Company (IJPC) and Tokyo has increased oil purchases from Iran's OPEC competitors Iraq and Kuwait, an oil industry newsletter said today.

The National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) and Mitsui of Japan have again failed to reach agreement on ending Japanese participation in IJPC, the joint venture between Iran Chemical Development Company, a consortium of Japanese companies headed by Mitsui and the NIOC subsidiary, the

National Petroleum Company (NPC)," said the Nicosia, Cyprus-based Middle East Economic survey (MEES).

MEES said IJPC owns the unfinished petrochemical complex at Bandar Khomeini on Iran's Gulf coast, on which work was halted at the time of the Iranian revolution in 1979.

The installations were extensively damaged by Iraqi air attacks during the Gulf war, and Mitsui has announced it regards the project as a write-off, and would like to arrange a "friendly separation" from its Iranian partner.

GDP set for higher growth

RIYADH, Aug 21, (OPECNA): Saudi Arabian gross domestic product (GDP) and private sector growth is expected to reach 6.1 per cent by the end of next year, according to a Planning Ministry report released here.

It says the non-oil sector alone was in line to achieve growth of 4.3 per cent by the end of 1990, which marks the end of the kingdom's fourth five-year development plan.

The first two years of the current plan saw negative growth of 14.8 per cent and 6.3 per cent respectively, with the kingdom's oil production falling to its lowest level of two million BPD in 1985 as part of a policy to defend oil prices.

However, after the price collapsed in 1986, "things started to improve" as OPEC returned to a fixed pricing system which brought "a degree of stability" to the market. Support also began to materialise from some non-OPEC producers.

The kingdom's non-petroleum exports last year fetched \$534 million, double the amount received in 1987, while the number of Saudi private companies grew 4.6 per cent to 7,000, representing combined capital of 18.7 billion.

The report stresses that these companies, assisted by the Saudi Centre for the Promotion of Exports, which was set up two years ago by the private sector, are the main contributors to the kingdom's export drive.

Of the country's exports last year, 35 per cent went to Gulf states, 15 per cent to other Arab countries and 12 per cent to other Islamic states.

Experts at the Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi ARAMCO) have developed a new technique for cleaning sand out of the bottom of oil wells.

The new method, now being used at offshore wells in the northern area of the kingdom, has proved more economical and quicker to complete than previous techniques.

According to Roger Busby, general supervisor of the company's area production engineering division, a well can now be cleaned in only two days, as opposed to six days under the old method.

Meanwhile, a team of experts from the World Bank has praised Saudi Arabia's industrial infrastructure, especially in adapting to variation in power voltages.

Egypt to lease luxury hotel

CAIRO, Aug 21, (Reuter): Egypt has agreed to lease a luxury hotel in the ancient city of Luxor to a company in its latest move to privatise many of its state-run hotels, the British company said today.

British hotel chain Wena Hotels said in a press release it had signed a 20-year lease for the Luxor Hotel with the state-owned Egyptian Hotels Company.

The hotel, built at the turn of the century at the side of Luxor Temple, will be renovated and reopened in October 1989 as the Luxor Wena Hotel.

Egypt is leasing many state-run hotels to foreign companies as part of an overall move to cut back its big public sector. It relies heavily on tourism as a major source of foreign exchange earnings.

EXCHANGE RATE

Indian rupee	18,080
Sri Lankan rupee	8,360
Pakistani rupee	14,340
Bangladesh taka	9,200
US dollar	2,975
Pound sterling	4,6925
Deutsche mark	08,165
Japanese yen	002,102

Plans to phase out N-power

Minister voices concern

STOCKHOLM, Aug 21, (OPECNA): Proposals by Sweden's ruling Social Democrats to phase out nuclear power by 1996 have split the party, placing the Nordic country's prime minister and finance minister at loggerheads.

Removal of two of the country's 12 nuclear plants is planned for 1996 with the remainder scheduled for decommissioning by 2010. Nuclear power accounts for around half of all Sweden's electricity needs, according to Reuters news agency.

However, in a recent report published by the so-called "90s group," Finance Minister Kjell-Olof Feldt voiced grave concern over the cost to industry of scrapping the nuclear option.

"A number of energy intensive companies could find themselves in great difficulties with expected increases in electricity prices, and the result could be to treat unemployment problems," the report points out.

Premier Ingvar Carlsson stressed the plans to decommission nuclear plants had been at the heart of Social Democratic policy for more than a decade ... to start phasing out would be very unfortunate."

The necessary mandate for the ruling party's policy was won in 1980 when a referendum voted to dismantle the country's nuclear reactors within 20 years.

The country has no obvious substitute for nuclear power with the other half of the nation's power requirements supplied from hydroelectric dams. In addition, Stockholm has insisted that rivers should remain in their natural state and that natural gas should be piped from Norway and (via Finland) from the Soviet Union.

US devising energy strategy

Higher demand spurs imports and oil imports

NEW YORK, Aug 21, (OPECNA): Strong demand for crude oil and petroleum products, coupled with lower domestic production, prompted the United States to import more than half its oil needs last month — the first time since 1977, according to the American Petroleum Institute (API) yesterday.

And industry experts here say that relying on foreign oil for half of the country's needs will soon be the norm.

"It's only a question of how soon we get there, not whether we get there," maintained John Lichibau, president of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, adding "we will have to live with a high level of imports."

He said imports, now at 7.8 million BPD, were about a million BPD lower than in 1977. Other fuels had been substituted for oil in the intervening 12 years.

Last month, domestic deliveries of petroleum products were just under 17 million BPD, up 1.7 per cent from a year ago, while imports amounted to 8.6 million BPD, an increase of 17.9 per cent. Domestic crude oil output amounted to 7.5 million BPD, down 7.1 per cent from July 1988.

In January this year, oil imports exceeded domestic production, but did not reach 50 per cent of the deliveries because of stock withdrawals during that month.

Oil imports had now gone past the 50 per cent mark, partly because production in Alaska had peaked, with only the state supplying a quarter of the country's crude oil output.

Production in the lower 48 states, which was largely governed by the price of oil, had fallen by more than 20 per cent since the 1986 oil price collapse.

Another reason cited by API for the shift was that oil companies were building their inventories slightly faster than usual.

Lichibau said while the percentage of oil demand met by imports was rising, the amount quoted by the institute was a "gross figure," and did not take into account American exports of oil products and crude oil.

The US-exported lubricating oils and asphalt to a number of countries and made some crude oil deliveries to Canada. Taking this into account, he said, the US net import dependency in the first seven months of the year was 41 per cent.

The Department of Energy is now devising a "national energy strategy." To what extent this will stimulate domestic oil production is not yet clear, but it would probably require opening environmentally-sensitive areas to production, including the Arctic national wildlife refuge in Alaska and offshore areas on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, in addition to further tax incentives to drillers at a time of budget stringency.

Economy grew by 2.4pc

MEXICO CITY, Aug 21, (UPI): The Mexican economy, led by the electric power and manufacturing sectors, grew by 2.4 per cent during the first half of the year as compared with the same period of 1988, the Planning and Budget Ministry said.

A report issued today, the ministry's National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Information said that the nation's gross domestic product registered a growth of 2.4 per cent during the January-June period.

During the second quarter of the year, the economy grew 2.9 per cent compared with 1.8 per cent in the first quarter, the report said.

The report said the highest growth during the second quarter was registered by the electric power sector with 8.4 per cent, followed by manufacturing, 7.4 per cent, and communications and transport, 6 per cent.

The mining industry recorded a drop of 3.6 per cent during April-June, the report said. Agriculture, livestock and fishing sectors reported a drop of 2 per cent during the same period.

The government put an abrupt end to contract negotiations at Mexico's largest copper mines, declaring the Cananea Mining Co. bankrupt and dispatching soldiers to guard the premises.

A bankruptcy judge today declared Cananea, about 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of the US border, insolvent after management said it could not meet expenses, much less give in to the union's demands.

The union had been demanding a 60 per cent hike in the base salary, a shorter work week, longer vacations and an extensive package of benefits that Cananea said would have amounted to a 330 per cent raise for each miner.

Cananea's 3,000 workers had threatened to strike on Aug 28 if the contract negotiations were not resolved. Negotiations began June 24.

The National Development Agency that owns Cananea, Naftamex, said that soldiers "intervened" to take care of hazardous materials, including 70 tons of dynamite, stored on mine premises.

World demand for OPEC crude to rise

Kuwait to hunt oil in Yemens

ABU DHABI, Aug 21, (Agencies): Kuwait is one of four countries selected to explore oil in the Maareb and Shebwa areas of North and South Yemen, it has been reported here.

Partners in the first phase of the project, which includes an aerial geophysical survey for determining the presence of minerals in both regions, will come from France, the United States and the Soviet Union.

The general assembly of the Yemeni Company for Oil and Mineral Investments, which represents both countries, will work with the foreign companies in formulating a geological map of both states.

According to South Yemen Deputy Premier and Energy and Minerals Minister Saleh Abu Bakr Hasmon, the company's board of directors should have completed negotiations with all partners within one month, after which exploration of the 2,200 sq km area would begin.

"... OPEC must monitor its pricing policies so as to consolidate its recent gains and slow down the development of other energy sources," MEES quoted Kadhim as telling the meeting of the International Association of Energy Economics.

He summarised OPEC's goals as follows:

■ To achieve a "fair" price that would be neither so high it induced another cycle of substitution and conservation or so low it would yield less than the minimum level of revenues required.

■ To increase its share of the world market to levels compatible with its reserves.

■ To set a price that would yield OPEC revenue of at least 1988 levels in real terms and would encourage co-operation with non-OPEC states.

According to Washington-based API, the United States imported an average of 8.55 million barrels a day in July, accounting for 50.4 per cent of oil used. US oil imports had exceeded 50 per cent in only three previous months, most recently in May 1977.

Many in the industry consider the 50 per cent mark a point of departure for American energy policy.

Two years ago, Senator Lloyd Bentsen, a Texas Democrat, introduced — unsuccessfully — legislation that would have made it mandatory for the president to take action to reduce imports once they reached that level.

Price cuts planned

Iraq still subsidises basic goods

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Aug 21, (AP): The government is to cut prices of state-produced goods as well as items sold through its stores, a business weekly reported today.

Al-Ittihad, organ of the General Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry said that President Saddam Hussein's office ordered all state-run industrial and commercial enterprises as well as mixed-sector firms to reduce profits by 5 per cent, from 25 to 20 per cent, from January 1990.

The weekly said the price cuts will affect both locally produced and imported goods of all kinds.

The heavier profit margin on imported goods will be cut to 25 per cent for some items, it added.

Public sector manufacturers had been making substantial profits on sales in the past two years after the government permitted them to hike prices so that subsidies would no longer be needed.

The government still subsidises basic goods such as flour and cooking oil to the tune of 230 million dinars (\$73.6 million) a year.

The government an estimated 600 million dinars (\$1.8 billion) a year. State employees are also allowed to shop at special government-run stores with cheaper prices.

The average civil servant's salary is 150 dinars (\$480) a month.

Private sector businessmen also were asked to freeze prices for an unspecified period in accordance with government efforts to curb soaring prices of goods and services.

A colour television produced by a state manufacturer now sells officially for around 250 dinars (\$800), up from 200 dinars (\$600) one year ago. An air-cooler that sold for 70 dinars (\$224) a year ago now costs \$272 (\$272).

But shortages mean that both items sell on the black market for more than double those prices.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Transport and Communications today commissions eight new jetties at the southern Khour Alzobair port for the export of petrochemicals and oil products, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

Built at a cost of 87 million Iraqi dinars (\$250 million) the project features five multi-tonnage jetties for export of petrochemicals and a plant for processing fertilisers and phosphates.

Oil earnings to reach \$8b this year

LAGOS, Aug 21, (OPECNA): Nigeria is set to earn around \$8 billion from crude oil exports this year, according to the managing director of Shell Petroleum (Nigeria), B.A. Laver.

Speaking at a seminar on world energy and the Nigerian oil industry here, he said it was quite possible for the country to earn this amount, which was \$2.3 billion more than the 1988 total, because of renewed oil price stability over the past seven months.

He pointed out that Nigeria was currently producing about 1.7 million BPD, with around 300,000 BPD being refined and stored in the country.

The price hikes for more than 2 million civil servants, Army and police officers will cost the

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1989

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE TRADING HIGHLIGHTS

NEW YORK Microcomputer manufacturer Wang Laboratories Inc said it has worked out an accord with its creditor banks and will make required payments on its debt to commercial banks on Monday, maturing on October 4, 1996 and priced at 45.2 pct. Lead Westpac Banking Corp said.

London: The South Australian government financing authority is issuing a 75 min Australian dollar Eurobond on September 21, 1994 paying 14-1/2 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager IBLJ Hamros Bank Ltd said.

London: The Queensland Treasury Corporation is issuing a 15 billion yen Eurobond due September 14, 1994 paying a coupon of 5.3 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager IBLJ Hamros Bank Ltd said.

Taipei: Taiwan's state-owned Bank of Communications said it will issue 100 min US dollars of floating rate notes next month to help finance purchases of Taiwan-built ships by three Hong Kong firms.

Helsinki: Finland's Kansallis-Osake-Pankki said it launched for its own account a 300 min Swedish krona five year Eurobond with an 11-1/8 pct coupon and priced at 101-3/8 pct.

BOMBAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GIFC	31.25	31.50	30.50	NAT. ORG	--	--	--
ACC.	249	248	241	GRASIN'	110.50	110	108.50	NIPPON	--	38.50	39.50
ALUM. CHEM	160	157.50	157.50	NOCL	965	950	975				
ALUM. WIS.	69	68.50	69	OKRAY	15.50	15.25	15				
ALU. FAB.	10	10	10.50	OSHA AG	89	85	80				
ALUM. HONDA	19	19	19	PEICO	19	18.50	19.50				
AMBI CIBA	810	800	800	PONDS	165	167.50	161.25				
ATLAS CORP.	38	35	34	PREN AUTO	55.25	56	54.50				
AUTOMOBILE	67	63	65	RANBAXY	82.50	80	85				
BALAJI AUTO	330	325	322.50	RAY WOOL	84	83	83.25				
BAR RAYON	547.50	550	550	RECKITT	172.50	170	174				
BAK BOND	99	78	79	RELIANCE	112	110	106				
BALON PLAST	39.50	39	38.50	ST MILLS	340	330	340				
BON DYE	126	125	123	SEAS GOA	43.50	42	42.50				
BSE INDEX	732.31	720.75	192.50	SHAW MALL	--	--	--				
BUR. WEL.	190	182.50	183	SHEREE CEM	--	--	--				
CANSHARE	405	400	405	SHKR FIB	77	75	77				
CEN ENKA	2730	2725	2740	SIEMENS	70	68	70				
CEN SPG	2000	1995	1995	SKF	1190	1200	1200				
COLGATE	305.25	311.25	307.50	SPIC	45.75	46.50	44.25				
CROMIT GL	--	1265	1275	ST MILLS	340	330	340				
DCH	--	10	13	TATA CHEN	119	116.50	118				
DEEP FERT	28.50	28	28.50	TATA OIL	68	67.50	70				
DUNLOP	80	78	79	TATA POW	335	337.50	342.5				
ET. HOTELS	59	57	58	TELCO	1007	1027	1017				
ESCORTS	73	73	72	THAPPI AGRO	--	--	--				
ESKAYEF	113.75	116.25	112.50	TISCO	1237	1237	1212				
ESSAR SPG	28.75	30	28.75	TIVEL	155	153.75	150				
FOOD SPL	162.50	158.75	157.50	VABEL	22.50	22.50	23.75				
FORBES	40	40	40	VAM ORG	155	153.75	150				
GA POLY	68	66.50	67	VOLTAS	840	835	845				
GE SHIPPING	40.75	41.50	40.25	WINDO	17	17	17				
GLINDIA	87.50	86	87.50	ZENITH	50	50	50				
NET INDEX	375.66	371.20	371.20	ZUARI AGRO	72	71	76.75				

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB. EL	1180	1160	1160	1160	1160	1160	1160	1160	1160
SAIJI INOMOTO	2910	2850	MITSUB. EST	2670	2460						
OKAI ELEC	769	768	MITSUB. HVY	1210	1200						
AKOI	1340	1340	MITSU CO	1150	1140						
ASAHI GLS	2580	2400	MITSUKOSHI	2390	2360						
ASAHI OPTY	1010	1010	MITSUNI. EL	1080	1050						
BANK TOKYO	1740	1750	MITSUNI. EL	1750	1750						
BRIDGESTON	1800	1780	NICHON CMNT	1230	1250						
CANON	1860	1860	NIKKO SEC	1880	1880						
CASIO COMP	1450	1460	NIP ELEC	1980	1970						
CHUGA PRIM	2000	1990	NIP KOKCAN	803	811						
CITIZEN W	1170	1170	NIP OIL	1480	1470						
D-ICHI KAN	3330	3560	NIP STEEL	828	833						
DAT NIP IK	903	902	NIP YUSEN	1070	1070						
DAT NIP PT	2440	2420	NIS NOTOR	1600	1600						
DAT NIP SC	1400	1330	NOMURA SEC	3370	3340						
DAT NIP TO	980	974	OBHA CO	1260	1280						
DAICEL	1120	1110	OLYMPUS	1550	1540						
DAIHATSU H	2909	2699	PENTA DCN	1390	1390						
DAIWA SEC	2330	2330	PIONEER	4390	4320						
DAIWA MITSUB.	2310/PD 2520	2310/PD 2520	REJOHN	1220	1230						
FUJITSU	1920	1920	RICOH	1300	1280						
GHAI BANK	3720	3700	SANYO ELEC	2840	2860						
GHAI PHOTO	4460	4420	SEIYU ST	901	904						
GHAI SAHARA	1870	1850	SEKISUI PB	2350	2320						
HITACHI	1700	1690	SHARP	1480	1470						
HONDA MOT	2160	2130	SHISEIDO	2040	2050						
ISETAN YOKADO	4370	4330	TAISEI	1630	1660						
JAP. SYN. RU	1320	1300	TAISHO MRN	2170	2180						
JAPAN AIR	17500	17500	TAKEDA CH	2570	2580						
JAPAN NET	1090	1080	TEIJIN	974	950						
KAITAMA	2160	2180	TKO NEW IX	659.08	652.50						
KANSAI	1900	1900	TOKI MRN	2170	2180						
KAWASAKI H	1120	1140	TOKYO ELEC	1220	1230						
KAWASAKI S	899	900	TOKYO GAS	1110	1090						
KIRIN BREW	1980	1940	TOKYO POWR	6070	6120						
KOMATSU	1300	1300	TORAY IND	1000	990						
KUBATO LTD.	1260	1250	TOSHIBA EL	1370	1350						
KYOCERA	6490	6460	TOTO KKGY	1100	1110						
MARUJI	3140	3100	TOTO NOT	2700	2650						
MATSUTA EI	2510	2490	YAMAHA	1520	1520						
MATSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMAICHI	1830	1870						
MEIJI SEIKI	1090	1100	YAMANOUCHI	3860	3840						
MITSUB. CP	1600	1630	YAMAZAKI	1870	1840						

Japan, world's richest nation

TOKYO, Aug. 21. (AP): Japan became the world's richest nation on paper in 1987, surpassing the United States for the first time with \$43.7 trillion in national assets, an economic newspaper said today.

The value of Japan's assets in 1987 jumped sharply from \$28.3 trillion worth of assets in 1986, said the Nihon Keizai Shimbun newspaper, quoting figures from the US Federal Reserve Board and Japan's Economic Planning Agency. In 1985, Japan's assets were \$19.6 trillion, lagging \$11 trillion behind those of the

US, the paper said.

According to US Federal Reserve Board figures, the United States had some \$30.6 trillion in assets at the end of 1985, \$34.0 trillion worth in 1986 and \$36.2 trillion in 1987, the newspaper said.

The newspaper, Japan's leading economic daily, said the statistics at the end of 1987 were the latest available from the two countries.

National assets are the total value of financial assets such as stocks and deposits and insurance, and actual assets

such as production facilities, housing, land and inventories.

Officials of the economic planning agency said the statistics from Japan and the United States were issued separately toward the end of last year, but the agency did not make any specific comparison.

Contributing to the rise in Japan's assets were soaring stock and land prices, coupled with a nominal increase in the overall national assets due to the Japanese currency's appreciation against the

US dollar, the report said.

On a yen basis, Japan's national assets rose by 17.7 per cent in 1987 over the previous year, mainly because of rises in stock and land prices, while the yen's value against the US dollar rose 54.5 per cent in 1987. The yen rose from about 160 yen to the dollar to about 122 yen from end of 1986 to the end of 1987, the report said.

It said financial assets accounted for 53 per cent of Japan's total national assets, while the value of land made up 30.6 per cent.

Masaru Yoshitomi, chief of the Economic Planning Agency's Economic Research Institute, told the Nihon Keizai Shimbun that the scale of Japan's national assets "shows Japan has increased its position not only in industrial competitiveness, but also in a very important part of the national power of financing."

The government reported last year Japan had record net overseas assets of \$240.7 trillion in 1987, making it the world's largest creditor nation for the third year in a row.

UK BAT profits jump

LONDON, Aug. 21. (Reuters): Britain's BAT Industries today posted a 20-per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the first half of the year and urged shareholders to reject a takeover bid by financier Sir James Goldsmith.

The giant tobacco-based conglomerate, in a defence document against the takeover attempt, said Goldsmith and his partners in the offer, Jacob Rothschild of Britain and Kerry Packer of Australia, were out to get richer at the expense of BAT shareholders.

BAT reported pre-tax profits of £811 million (\$1.27 billion) in the first six months of 1988, up from £677 million (\$1.04 billion) in the same period last year.

Shares in the conglomerate, whose holdings include Brown and Williamson Tobacco in the United States, Benson and Hedges Tobacco in Britain and Los Angeles-based insurance firm Farmers Group Inc. rose 11 pence (17 cents) to £8.24 (\$12.94) each on the news.

Last month Goldsmith announced a £13.6 billion (\$21.4 billion) takeover bid, the largest ever made in Europe, for BAT through his Hoylake Investment Company. The offer valued BAT shares at £8.50 (\$13.34) each.

Goldsmith stunned London financial markets by disclosing he intended to fund the offer through shares and interest-bearing securities which analysts have described as junk bonds because they rely on money borrowed at high interest rates.

He said he planned to sell off all but the core tobacco interests of BAT and he criticised the company's management for embarking on what he called a mistaken policy of diversification.

BAT chairman Patrick Sheehy described the Hoylake offer as "highly unattractive." He said: "There is every reason to believe that the excellent performance of the 1980s in general, and of 1988/89 in particular, will continue in the years to come."

Sheehy said the Hoylake offer consisted of a package of shares of dubious value and notes "which even they admit may be impossible to sell."

On Sunday BAT refused to hold talks with Hoylake after an offer from Goldsmith to negotiate bid terms.

Rail traffic at standstill

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 21. (UPI): Swedish train drivers brought rail traffic almost to a standstill today in a wildcat strike that jammed highways into major cities and forced thousands of commuters to drive to work.

Swedish rail said only 10 per cent of the country's trains were in service today with management attempting to keep as many commuter trains running as possible.

National Rail Service spokesmen said there were car queues stretching back "several kilometres (miles)" on entrance roads to most main cities.

Airport authorities said virtually all domestic flights were full with three times the regular number of people trying to book tickets.

The country's 3,300 train drivers were striking in order to press wage demands for an extra \$300 per month and to force the social democratic government to withdraw plans to increase the state sector pensionable age from 60 to 65.

The Swedish state has recently retired 150,000 of its employees at 60 or 63 instead of the regular age of 65 to compensate for higher pensions in the private industry.

But the new plans, to take effect in 20 years time, would drop that privilege and increase pensions instead.

Swedish train drivers, who had the right to retire at 60 since 1856, receive a maximum wage of \$1,700 per month and are demanding \$2,000 in wage negotiations that start Thursday (8-24).

Rafsanjani picks new team to run economy

War damage

Iran repairs refinery

NICOSIA, Aug. 21. (Agencies): Iran's new President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani has gathered together a strong team of technocrats to treat the stricken economy.

Iranian and Western economists said parliament is likely to vote through Rafsanjani's men for the economy portfolios when they debate his proposed cabinet list, probably next weekend.

"Most informed officials now realise that other than borrowing more from abroad and opening to the West, there is no other way to rebuild," a regional Iranian economist said.

With economic experts at his back, the new President could concentrate better on beating off a challenge from leaders who believe most economic cures for Iran go against Islam.

National budget chief Mortez Alavi last Saturday described the economy as "sick, dependent and bankrupt."

Rafsanjani showed his commitment to tackling the problem in his inauguration speech. "It is not right to safeguard the nation with the hungry, poor people marching forward to sacrifice their lives. It cannot go on like this," he said.

"He has gone for competence in the economic ministries rather than political affiliations," said an European diplomat.

The danger in the move is that Rafsanjani must rely even more on his personal power and prestige to swing parliament behind his policies. Western analysts said.

The advantage is that if his experts succeed in reviving industry and agriculture and

Plessey tells shareholders

Reject GEC-Siemens bid

LONDON, Aug. 21. (Reuters): British electronics group Plessey today urged shareholders to reject a hostile Anglo-German takeover bid, saying the offer price was pegged too low.

But most share analysts felt Plessey Co PLC, a major defence contractor, was fighting a losing battle to avoid being swallowed up in the joint cash bid by the much bigger General Electric Co PLC of Britain and Siemens AG of West Germany.

Plessey said in a defence document issued to shareholders: "Siemens and GEC are trying to deprive you of the true value of your shares in Plessey. To maximise the value of your shares, reject this bid."

But, hinting it might still be open to a sweetened offer, Plessey said GEC and Siemens should bid a full and fair price.

Plessey managing director Stephen Walls told a news conference: "Shareholders can force GEC-Siemens to pay a higher price. They are very keen to acquire Plessey."

ITC and Soviets sign pact

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 21. (UPI): International Trade and Communications Inc. said yesterday it has signed a 15-year agreement with the Soviet Union's Ministry of Communications that allows the free flow of trade information between East and West.

Harvey Cooper, ITC chairman, said the agreement is expected to be in operation by this time next year, using a system of personal computers in both countries.

"From a historical standpoint, what the Soviets have signed is for the free flow of information from

East to West," said Cooper, a former manager for Reuters News Agency. "It's the first time this has happened since the revolution in 1917. It's really quite spectacular."

Two joint venture companies were established by the agreement, with ITC owning 20 per cent of the Soviet firm and the Soviets owning 20 per cent of the firm being established in Philadelphia.

The Soviet firm is expected to be headed by Vladimir Morozov, formerly chief executive of Ecotass, the London-based economic trade information service of the Soviet News Agency Tass.

New protectionist battle looms on weapons trade

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21. (AP): The US Defence Department's reliance on foreign companies concerns Congress and America's own military industry.

After working itself into a "buy American" frenzy over working with Japan on a new jet fighter, the Congress is gearing up for a new battle over renewing an obscure, 39-year-old law on weapons purchases.

The defence production act of 1950 gives the president power to limit or prohibit the acquisition of foreign products. The legislation also gives the government authority to subsidize industries, including those that produce goods for the Defence Department.

But the new plans, to take effect in 20 years time, would drop that privilege and increase pensions instead.

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co-production of the FSX fighter, an advanced version of the F-16.

Opponents of the FSX transaction with Japan charged that it would "shut down American industries" by handing the Japanese vital US technology. But Congress failed to prevent the US-negotiated deal or impose conditions on it.

The Centre for Strategic and International Studies found that J82 to 1987, the number of US companies supplying goods to the Defence Department dropped from 118,000 to 38,000.

"The problem has been a subject of numerous defence, industry, government accounting office and congressional reviews since the mid-1970s," said Senator Alan Dixon, a member of both the armed services and banking committees in the Upper House of Congress.

"Yet, until recently, little has been done to shape practical solutions," Dixon said last month.

William G. Phillips, president of the National Council for Industrial Defence, said the Defence Department's reliance on foreign companies has become a major concern for approximately 5 million members of labour unions and employees of companies represented by his group.

The argument most raised by Phillips and others is that Defence Department might be unable to get necessary components for its weapons systems if foreign supplies are cut off.

"The general consensus is we are becoming dependent on foreign sources for some very important pieces of our military hardware," Phillips said in an interview last week.

"The questions are how dependent, how fast and whether or not that dependency is leading to a critical vulnerability if we lose that foreign source," he said.

But former Defence Secretary Frank C. Carlucci, in congressional hearings last

French financial aid for Tunisia

TUNIS, Aug. 21. (Reuters): France has granted financial aid to Tunisia totalling 1.06 billion French francs (\$168 million dollars), French Economy Minister Pierre Berezovoy said today.

The agency said other non-oil exports included dried and fresh fruits, vegetables, copper bars, cathode and anode copper, and detergents, according to the Iranian Customs Office.

Iran's cement production will rise 2.5 million tons annually with the expansion of four factories over the next five years, according to a high-ranking official in the Industries Ministry.

Mohammad Dehnavi, director for non-metal mines, said a new plant in Orumieh, west Azerbaijan, with daily output capacity of 2,300 tons, would be completed next year. Currently, some 15 factories with total annual production of 12 million tons were operating throughout the country.

Limited power supplies, technical problems and foreign currency shortages, had resulted in the under-utilisation of these plants, which possessed total "real" capacity of around 17 million tons.

However, despite the difficulties, cement output had increased by some 70 per cent over the last two years.

Dehnavi pointed out that efforts were under way to establish a further 27 new factories with daily output capacities of 500 to 3,000 tons, which would boost overall annual production by 13.7 million tons to 33 million, sufficient to meet the country's domestic needs. Around \$800 million had been earmarked for their construction.

The aid package includes 350 million francs (\$55 million) in credits to buy French consumer goods, 60 million francs (\$9.5 million) to settle French property claims in Tunisia, 460 million francs (\$72.6 million) to finance economic development projects and 150 million francs (\$23.7 million) for television equipment.

Because Tunisian agriculture has been hit by serious drought, Berezovoy said France would make a gift of 50,000 tonnes of cereals compared to 20,000 tonnes last year.

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Sean Penn versus the media – again

By Ivor Davis

THE journalists are gathered in the ballroom of a Los Angeles hotel to meet the creators and stars of a new movie everybody thinks will be a hot one.

"Casualties of War," is memorable on several counts: It's a Brian DePalma opus, the screenplay is by

acclaimed playwright David Rabe and it's Michael J. Fox's first war film. Tremendous interest also centres around co-star Sean Penn, an actor to whom reporters are what daylight is to Dracula or water to the Wicked Witch of the West.

So, while Fox — clean-cut and apple-cheeked in blue jeans, navy blazer and red T-shirt — chats amicably.

Penn is nowhere in evidence and neither his co-star nor his director expect his arrival anytime soon.

"He's afraid of the press," DePalma admits. "He's scared to walk in here and have to answer questions like, Did he tie up Madonna?"

Now, nobody is asking Fox about his bedroom habits with wife Tracy Pollan, but Penn attracts bad press like

"Casualties of War" promises to be a memorable movie: it's a Brian DePalma opus, the screenplay is by acclaimed playwright David Rabe and it's Michael J. Fox's first war film. Tremendous interest also centres around co-star Sean Penn, an actor to whom reporters are what daylight is to Dracula or water to the Wicked Witch of the West.

a flame attracts moths. And just because he's no longer married to The Material Girl doesn't mean he can afford to let down his guard.

In fact, he thought long and hard before agreeing to take the part of Sgt. Meserve, a vicious, battle-hardened soldier whose humanity has been buried, along with most of his comrades, somewhere in the Jungle. Fox, his opposite number as Pfc. Erickson, is the "cherry" of the squad, in Vietnam only three weeks and horrified by Meserve's savagery.

"Casualties" producer Art Linson has known Penn since the young actor starred for him in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (1982). "He was concerned that a part like this would play right into the hands of all the journalists who seem to want to torture him," says Linson, "because it seems to play right into the character they think he is — this mean, horrible guy."

"Well, yes... and then some! The now-29-year-old Penn has been in a paradoxical position over the years. While film critics raved about his acting potential — comparing him to the young Brando, to Robert De Niro (his personal idol) and to James Dean — gossip columnists, often from the same papers, labeled him "obnoxious" and "despicable." They dubbed him and his wife "The Poison Penns" and "S and M." And it wasn't the press alone.

"He's an aggressive, loudmouthed, foul-tempered slob," said the publicists for one of his movies. The New York Daily News topped even its usual tabloid prose when it pronounced Penn and wife, "the most offensive people on the entire planet."

Producer Linson, however, having just completed his third picture with Penn ("We're No Angels," also starring De Niro), is one of his principal defenders. "He's a very bright and dedicated actor. He's very smart about his work and I think someday will become a very fine director as well. But he's been manhandled and battered by the press."

Actually, to be strictly fair, the man-handling has gone both ways — witness the multimillion-dollar suits for assault brought against him by assorted photographers and other minions of the fourth estate, the 60 days he served in jail for battery and the continual brawls with newsmen.

His drunken-Irishman-with-the-soul-of-a-poet pose may have gone down well with such chums as Harry Dean Stanton and "Barfly" poet Charles



Clean-cut, bemused Michael J. Fox looks on at co-star, 'rebel actor' Sean Penn.

Bukowski, but it cut little ice with photographers nursing broken noses and teeth after one of Penn's rampages.

But since the couple's breakup and the absolute disaster of their only movie together — the abominable "Shanghai Surprise," in which the only surprise was Madonna's wooden acting — Penn has had relative peace to concentrate his considerable talents on the role of the sergeant.

Traditional

From the outset of "Casualties of War" it is obvious that Penn was "into the part" in the traditional Method-acting mode.

"I don't even think about the kind of film I'm making at the time," he said. "It doesn't occur to me that I'm in another Vietnam film; I view any genre as just a vehicle in which to play a human being." And playing that human being is, for Penn, an obsessive, completely exclusionary activity.

"Sean stayed in his character throughout the shooting," says DePalma. "Sean and Michael made an agreement at the beginning of the movie that he would treat Michael as the odd man out. There was nothing comfortable about their relationship. I think it worked. You see this incredible tension between them all the time."

The two actors — one popular and accessible; the other introverted and

remote — could not have been more different in their approach to their work. "Sean is like De Niro," says DePalma. "He completely loses himself in the role and stays in the character.... like Al Pacino: they become the people. They live it, day in and day out. Michael deals with it, then he goes home and forgets about it."

Penn put on extra weight to become Meserve and in "boot camp," the military training DePalma insisted the cast undergo, he immediately assumed the role of the sergeant.

Michael Stoeke, a former Marine who served in Vietnam and one of two trainers hired to get the actors in shape for war, says, "Sean was brilliant at being squad leader and we couldn't have done the training without his help. I came to rely on him. I would show something to him once, then he would teach it to the men in his squad. He's fieldstrip his weapon blindfolded. He looks right; he is right. He's a natural leader."

Despite horror stories about life on a Sean Penn set, Fox says he jumped at the chance to work with the rebel actor.

Realistic

"My agreeing to do the film was almost contingent on them getting him. You'd be hard-pressed to find an actor who doesn't think he's unbelievable."

But he was realistic about the oppor-

tunities for friendship between the two of them. "When you go to make a movie, you're not going to play my guy and they're going to play their guy. What I knew of Sean was from before the film and after it, because that's the way Sean works. The screen relationship was of no common ground, so away from the set the relationship should be one of no common ground. Now, that does not entail spitting in my dinner or calling me names or banging on my door. This is a professional actor. He'd come to work, he'd play his character, he'd get in his car, I'd get in my car, we'd go home and I'd see him the next day on the set."

But Fox's sympathies are with Penn in his ongoing battle with the press.

"For one brief shining moment I was in that situation," he explains, referring to the military-style operation he mounted to protect the privacy of his own wedding last summer in Vermont. "I realized that you don't believe what you read. He's the kind of guy that if you jump out from behind a bush with a camera and call him a blank-blank and his wife a blank-blank, he's gonna hit you. I maybe wouldn't. That's not my reflex and I'm not defending it, but don't judge a man until you've walked in his shoes."

"I really enjoyed the experience of working with him," says Fox, "and I'd work with him again in a heartbeat."



A still from Casualties of War.

Zurich's Needle Park: hell haven

Unofficially tolerating drug-dealing

By Kevin Liffey

ZURICH, (Reuters): These days even the newcomer to Switzerland's most opulent city knows where to buy a fix and shoot up in peace.

Since the start of the year Zurich has set aside a zone where small-time drug-dealing and taking are officially tolerated and monitored by medical services.

Switzerland has the highest AIDS rate in Europe, and Zurich, the country's biggest drug-centre, had to find a radical way to stop narcotics-users spreading the disease.

But a wave of drug-related crime culminating in a grisly murder threatens to intrude on a population that would rather be left to high finance and art dealing.

Zurich's junkies gather every day around a disused iron brandstand on the Platzspitz — a spit of parkland bounded by two rivers but only 200 metres (yards) from the shopping and banking quarter — to peddle, cook fixes and inject.

In a converted public toilet, volunteers exchange fresh syringes for used ones, dispense sterile wipes and condoms and chat to the endless queue at the

window.

Swapping syringes helps cut needle-sharing, one of the most sure-fire ways to transmit acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Authorities estimate Zurich has up to 800 carriers.

The volunteers distribute 6,000 needles a day.

As a result, for most citizens the once-beloved park has become a no-go area, its name transformed into "Platzspitz" or "Needle Park." The tabloid "Blitz" now refers to it as "Zurich's Drug Hell."

Approved

While the city and federal governments approved funds for syringes and medical care for the addicts, police say this undermines the law.

Drug-taking and dealing are strictly illegal, although a federal commission has acknowledged the futility of punishment and called for both to be legalised if the quantities are small.

"We do not tolerate dealing... the clear task of the police is to enforce the law. That goes from hashish to hard drugs," Arthur Grob, second-in-command of Zurich's drug police told Reuters. "but the open drug scene has political support through the help on the Platzspitz."

The city police say the park attracts drug tourism

from all over Switzerland and Europe, with an inevitable rise in crime.

Last month a young drug addict was bound and gagged and flung into the Limmat river to drown. His alleged attackers were also addicts.

"The Platzspitz is a magnet for people from all over... there's been an increase in all crime from pickpocketing to burglary and robbery, much of it directly linked to drugs," Grob said.

He accepts there is little point in arresting small-time addicts. But many users peddle to finance their habit, and police say they would arrest and charge all dealers but for lack of resources.

They would like the park cleared and the addicts dispersed. Every two weeks or so they raid the park, sealing off the area and checking the identity of everyone there. But they detain only suspected criminals on a wanted list.

The contradiction between the strategies of police and city council is evident: "It's politically very hard to carry out a raid when soup is just being dished out," Grob said.

The volunteers have protested against the police raids: "The drugs are injected too quickly out of fear. The incidence of respiratory and heart stop-

paces is mounting," one action group said in a protest letter.

Breakthrough

They argue the park is a breakthrough in treating addicts as human beings, and staff a bus where the junks can socialise.

Platzspitz doctor Claude Bossy admits: "Yes, there are fights, rapes, murders. The drug line between life and death is thin."

During a Reuter interview with Bossy an addict ran into the caravan to say another addict had overdosed and fallen unconscious.

When the doctors reached the woman with an oxygen-mask, she was shuddering violently, slumped on a park-bench, her eyes glazed. But repeated coaxing and mention of her name penetrated the stupor and brought a hint of a nod.

She was lucky and did not need resuscitating, as one or two addicts do every day.

Bossy explained the difficulty of treating overdoses when addicts have AIDS and suffer from a range of disorders that their immune systems cannot fend off.

Fulfilling need to communicate

PORT VILA, Vanuatu, (AP): A notice in the bar of the Hotel Rossi advises patrons in pidgin English that if they "No gat im shoe, no gat im shirt, not gat im servis."

That is: No service if you aren't wearing shoes and a shirt. At the Erakor Lagoon boat landing is another sign: "Sipos yu wantem bot yu kilim gong."

That means if ferry users want the boat to come, they should hit the gong.

Pidgin, a language born out of necessity more than a century ago, is alive and firmly established as the "Lanvis Blong Pacific Aelan" — the language of ("belonging to") the Pacific islands.

It serves as a link between peoples who have been divided for thousands of years by 900 unintelligible languages and dialects.

Developed in the plantations of Queensland in northern Australia and aboard the jiggers and whalers that plied the South Pacific, it has become the main means of communication among the 4 million Melanesians who live in the islands that sweep in an arc from Papua New Guinea to Vanuatu off the northeast coast of Australia.

Forms of it are spoken in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

In Vanuatu, a country of 130,000 people and 105 separate languages, the problem was compounded by the French and English. They jointly administered the islands, then officially called the condominium of the New Hebrides but better known as the Pandemonium. They insisted on both their languages being official.

Official

When Vanuatu became independent in 1980, the government made Bislama, their version of pidgin, the official language.

Some linguists believe the name Bislama derives from Beche-de-Mer, the French name for the sea slug, which was a prized commodity in early days of European settlement.

In Papua New Guinea, pidgin is Tok Pisin (talk pidgin). In the Solomons, it's pijnin.

It is a language that sometimes looks like a parody of English, but is easily understood if read aloud. Its early practitioners had no words for some of the implements the Europeans brought to the South Seas, so they invented lengthy terms to describe them.

According to a locally published guide to Bislama called "Evri samting yu wantem save long bislama be yu fruet tumas blong askem" (Everything you wanted to know about Bislama but were afraid to ask), an explanation used early this century for "piano" went something like this:

"Bigala bokis blong waetnam, tut blong em sam i blak sam i waet, taem yu kilim emi singaot" which literally means "big European box with some white teeth and some black teeth, when you strike it, it cries out."

A violin was "smol sista blong bigala bokis, sipos yu skrasem bel blong emi krai." That means, according to the book, "little sister of the piano" if you scratch its stomach it cries."

A saw is "wanfala samting blong kakae wud, i kam i go i kambak, brata blong tamik," or literally "something which eats wood, it comes and goes and comes back again, brother to the axe (tomahawk)."

The Bislama phrase book translates "we" as "yumi," "centipede as "handredleg" and the phrase "my wife's name" as "nem blong missis blong mi."

I love you is "mi laekem yu tumas."

Queen Elizabeth's eldest son Prince Charles is known as "nambawan pilinik blong missis kwin."

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

CHRISTOPHER UNBORN, by Carlos Fuentes, trans. by Alfred MacAdam (Farrar Straus Giroux, 531 pp., \$22.95).

Brilliant, Outrageous, Ribald, Angry, Panoramic. Funny. Filthy. Weird. All and all of these words can describe Mexican writer Carlos Fuentes' new novel "Christopher Unborn."

It's a post-Joycean romp, drawing its inspiration from the picturesque quest of Don Quixote, that bids well to stand alongside Gabriel Garcia Marquez's "One Hundred Years of Solitude" as a contemporary Latin American classic.

From its narrative framework to its quirky episodes, its satirical digressions on contemporary literary theories and angry asides at US foreign policy, Fuentes' novel is outlandish, at turns a pessimistic nightmare or joyful vision, a meditation on Mexico.

The narrator is, as the title says, unborn, a sperm cell and later fertilized egg and foetus whose story begins on Epiphany (Jan. 6) 1992 and is to end on Oct. 12, 1992 — when he is to be born — the 500th anniversary of Columbus's dis-

covery of America.

Empowered with the knowledge of the genes that form him, as well as the ability to hear the life around his parents, Christopher is a daring, brilliantly executed device that allows Fuentes to push the limits of story-telling. And he does.

A fistful of equally extravagant characters propel the story forward with zest.

"Christopher Unborn" is a stunning achievement. It is also likely to offend many. It is not always easy reading but it is worth all its difficulties.

David E. Anderson (UPI)

Shelley II: The Middle of my Century, by Shelley Winters (Simon and Schuster, 474 pp., \$22.95).

Actress Shelley Winters entertained readers and raised a few eyebrows a number of years ago with the first volume of her autobiography "Shelley: Also Known as Shirley." She's back with volume II and more adventurous of her life and career spanning the 1950s and early '60s.

Fyfield brings her key characters,

Her marriage to Italian actor Vittorio Gassman is over — she returns to



LOGAN Sal Rodrigues celebrates his 2nd birthday today, August 22. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Logan has not started school yet and enjoys playing with toys.



Alisha Bansal celebrates her 6th birthday today, August 22. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Alisha goes to the Indian School and likes colouring and playing.



Natasha D'Silva celebrates her 7th birthday today, August 22. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Natasha of the Indian School, Fahaheel likes painting, reading and writing.



Lisa P. Fernandes celebrates her 8th birthday today, August 22. Many happy returns of the day from parents, relatives and family.

Lisa, of Carmel School, likes watching cartoons, reading and drawing.



Rahul Vijayaraj celebrates his 8th birthday today, August 22. Happy birthday from dad, mum, grandparents, relatives and friends.

Rahul goes to Carmel School and enjoys reading and cycling.



Abhijit M. Naguthnekar celebrates his 5th birthday today, August 22. Best wishes from parents, family and friends.

Abhijit of the Mangaf Indian School enjoys drawing and dancing.



Jatin Bhagnari celebrates his 9th birthday on August 23. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Jatin goes to the Kuwait English School and enjoys swimming, cycling and computer games.



Sakina Hussaini of the New Indian School celebrates her 10th birthday on August 23. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

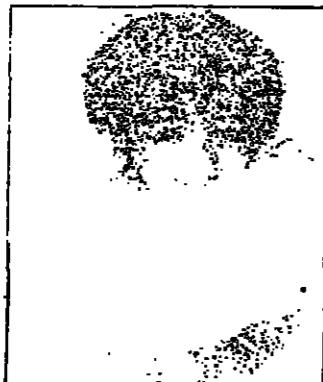
Sakina enjoys drawing, singing and dancing.

Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.



Richard Valerian Fernandes celebrated his 6th birthday on August 21. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Richard goes to the Indian School Abbasiya and likes drawing and playing with toys.



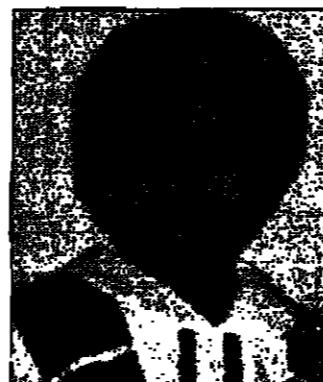
Mo Rizwan celebrated his birthday on August 20. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Mo goes to the New Indian School and enjoys cricket.



Tareq Mohammed Tanvir celebrated his 6th birthday on August 20. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Tareq goes to Al Khaledi School and enjoys reading and cycling.



Deepa celebrated her 4th birthday on August 20. Belated greetings and best wishes from loving Appa, Amma, and Uncle Sanju Kanshal.



Savita Cadhok celebrated her 9th birthday on August 19. Belated greetings from parents family and friends.

Savita of the New Indian School likes to read story books.



Nishat Parveen Shaila celebrated her birthday on August 17. Belated greetings from parents, friends and relatives.

Nishat goes to Carmel School and enjoys collecting stamps and pictures. She also likes swimming.



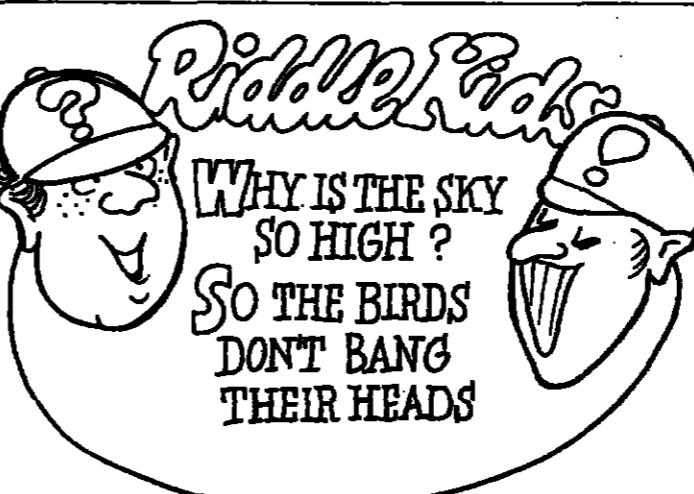
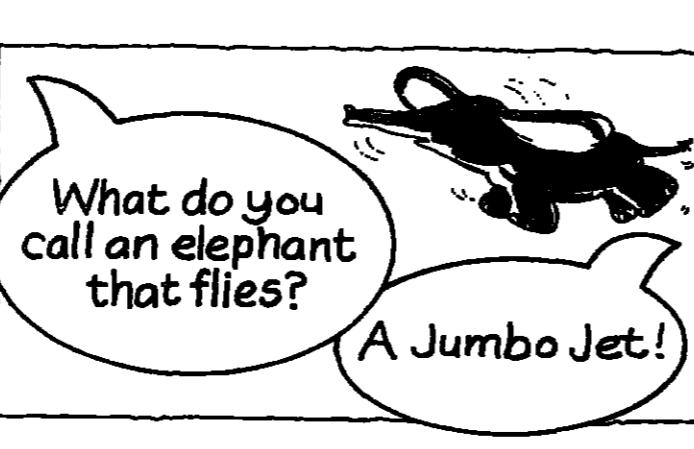
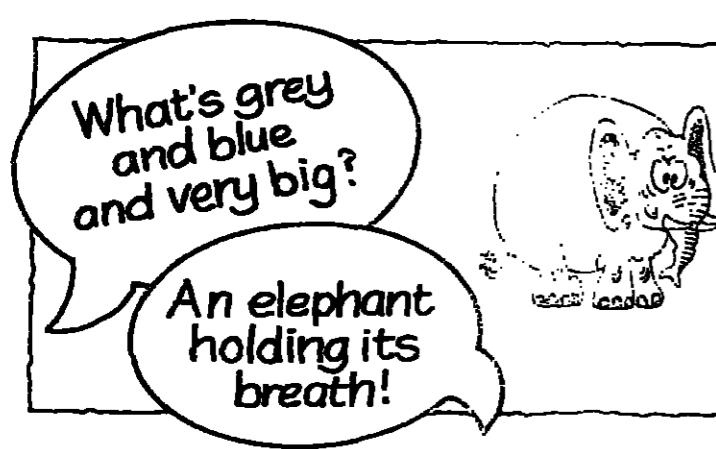
Karambir Singh Sethi celebrated his birthday on August 13. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Karambir enjoys swimming, cycling and football.



Huda Fazlullah Al Afghani celebrated her birthday on August 14. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Huda of the International School of Pakistan enjoys reading, playing and eating.



Dear Junior readers,

Have you read the poem written by this week's "young poet"? If not it's really worth reading. Basically, the poet says that the world is full of love and hate, in everything, from camping and planting crops, up to sweet words and emotions.

Taking the closest people to you, your brothers and sisters, if you greet them with gentle praises such as darling, sweetheart and honey, they will eventually treat you in the same fashion and when they do it you will feel a warm glow in your heart.

Love is a beautiful and very, very deep emotion. If you're unhappy inside you, if you wish to keep it there; but it may also be sprawled out of those who deserve it and with very little effort. Try it. If your sister or brother is unhappy for any reason, if not try, without forcing an answer, to give him/her a big hug and a few comforting words. Immediately you will be able to sense the unhappiness diminish.

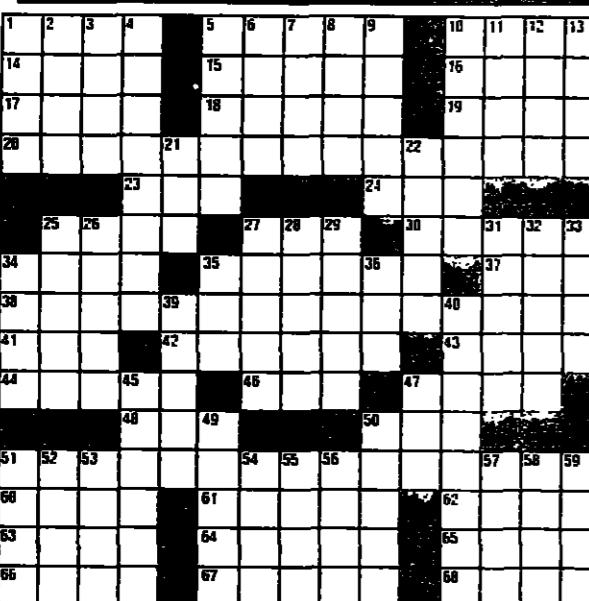
Anyway, with the return of school, Junior Times will be joining new young readers from all over the world. And, to celebrate all the young entering school for the first time, we are going to give them the opportunity to let the world know that they are to begin the excitement of learning and discovering how to read, write and count!

Look out for the coupon in the Thursday/Friday edition of Junior Times.

Don't miss it!

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

STAY AWAY FROM DANGER

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
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♡ 7 4 2
♥ A J 10 8 3
♣ 6 4

WEST
♦ 9 7 4 ♠ 8 6 5 3
♥ A Q J 10 8 ♡ 6 3
♣ 6 5 ♣ Q 7 2
♦ Q 7 2 ♠ J 10 9 5

EAST
♦ Q 10 2 ♠ K 9 5
♥ K 9 4 ♣ A K 8 3

SOUTH
♦ Q 10 2 ♠ K 9 5
♥ K 9 4 ♣ A K 8 3

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass

Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

"In a recent column," writes a reader, "you mentioned an avoidance play. I didn't quite grasp the import. Could you enlighten me?"

With pleasure. On a great many hands, one of the defenders poses a threat to the contract; the other does not. The fate of the contract then hinges on avoiding letting the dangerous hand gain the lead.

Suppose you reach three no

trump on this hand. While the South hand is, in theory, a point shy for that response, the high honor in partner's suit and the solid intermediate compensate for the shortfall.

West leads the queen of hearts and, being the good technician that you are, you refuse to win. Now West shifts to a club. You need diamond tricks to make your contract, and you can take the finesse either way. What are you going to do?

First, decide which hand is a menace to your contract. Here, it is East—if West gains the lead, he can do you no harm because your king of hearts stops the suit and is safe from attack; if East gains the lead, however, a heart through your king could prove ruinous.

Therefore, you must play the diamonds in such a way as to avoid having East on lead. Once you've crossed that Rubicon, the rest is easy. Enter dummy with the king of spades and run the eight of diamonds. You don't mind if that loses; you have nine tricks for sure. But if the cards lie as in the diagram, you will score five diamond tricks and at least 10 tricks in all.

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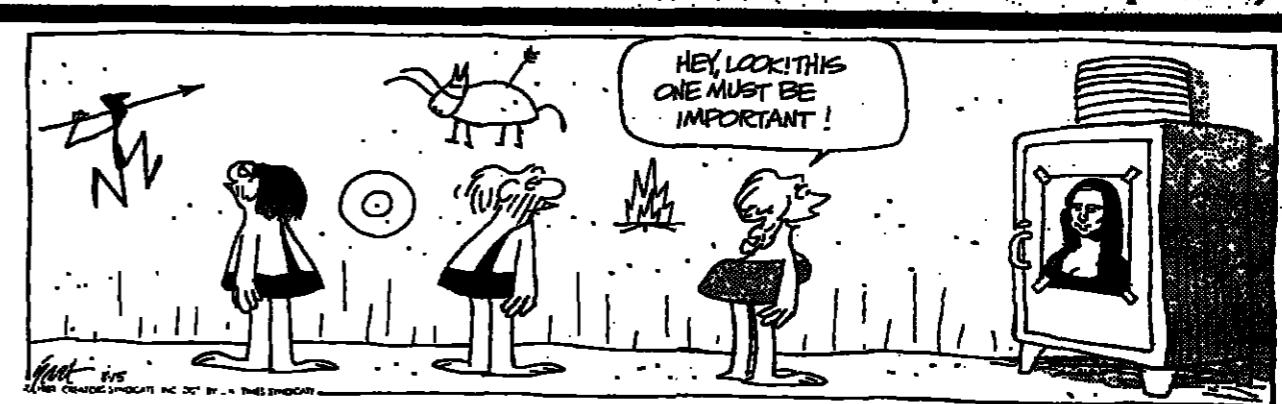
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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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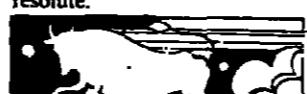
By Johnny Hart

YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will have some good luck but not enough to change your course of life. Do not dream about what might be, instead concern yourself with what is. Do not allow others to take advantage of you. Be resolute.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You are rather too liable to be attracted by appearance. Concentrate on dealing before all else with an important matter. Expect a certain amount of criticism and respond to it. Be adaptable.



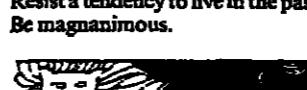
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

There is more likelihood of mistakes so keep a good lookout for them. Make sure you do not eat or drink anything too exotic. Your lucky numbers are 3 and 45. Take great care when using a new device. Be tactful.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Try not to make an important decision when you are tired. And do not leave until later something you know should be done now. Resist a tendency to live in the past. Be magnanimous.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

Make sure you are not a slave to fashion. See that your partner does not harbour any grievances. Make sure you observe the dictates of propriety without being too obviously conventional. Be observant.



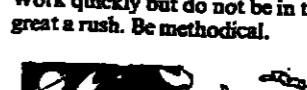
Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will be able to do something new and different, but you should not be on a limb. You should not allow your prejudices to prevent you from drawing the correct conclusions.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You must not try to run before you can walk, but nor must you slouch. Your temper will be tried but you should seek not to lose it. Work quickly but do not be in too great a rush. Be methodical.



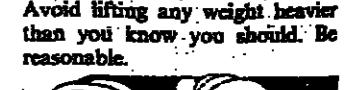
Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

Avoid permitting yourself to be distracted. Make sure you do not drink too much alcohol but plenty of liquid. You are liable to miss the wood for the trees. Be considerate.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will not feel quite so well and should try to take it a little easier. Make sure you do not drive like a racing driver if you are not one. Avoid lifting any weight heavier than you know you should. Be reasonable.



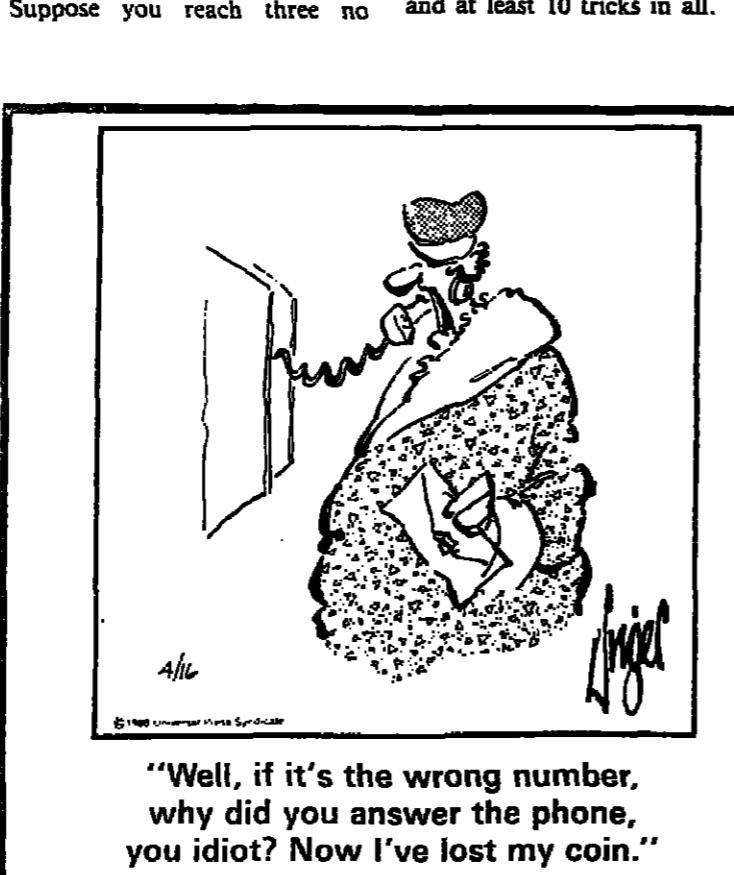
Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)

You should listen more closely to what others are saying to you. You will tend to be more forgetful so try to do what has to be done without delay. And do allow for heavy traffic when paying a visit.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

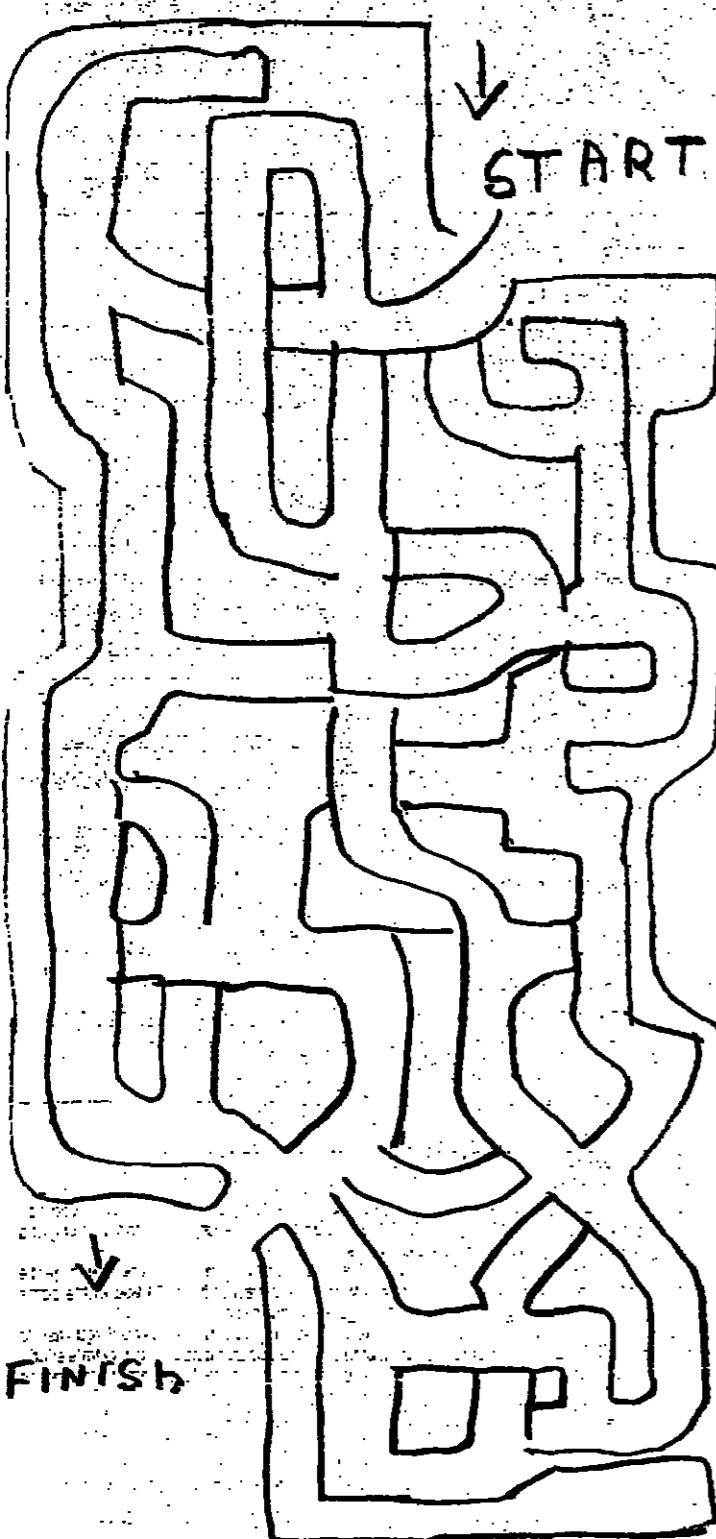
You will be able to get a move one but should not try to rush through things. You will tend to be a little too suspicious, try to restrain the tendency. Make sure you eat a balanced diet with enough vitamins. Be cautious.



"Well, if it's the wrong number, why did you answer the phone, you idiot? Now I've lost my coin."

JUNIOR TIMES

A JUNIOR TIMES leader, Anil Anwar, 12 years old, sent in a puzzle daring all other JUNIOR TIMES readers to have a go at solving it. Start at the 'Start' and make your way to 'Finish' without crossing over the lines... good luck!



Young writer

As you sow, so shall you reap

Law of justice is ruling the universe. Misdeeds are punished and noble deeds are rewarded by a hidden power.

If we sow seeds of gram, we cannot expect a crop of wheat. If we plant a lemon tree, we cannot expect it to yield sweet mangoes. We reap what we sow. This is the law of nature which no one can change.

This world is like a dome. Cry out loud and you will hear the echo of your cry. If you curse others, curses are hurled at you. If you speak words of love, you will receive words of love.

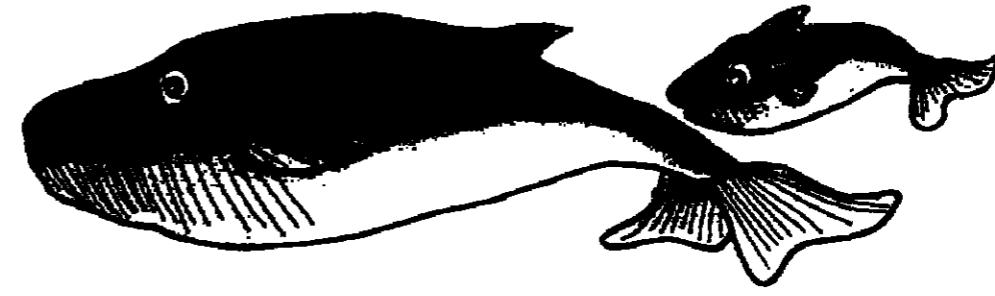
The wheels of fortune grind slowly, but surely. Dishonesty and misdeeds never pay in the end.

N. Batool
Pakistan School & College
Rumailiya

Alia Anwar,
9 years.



Can you name the young of the creatures listed below?



horse

deer

whale

hare

sheep

lion

swan

frog

goat

pig

The Aardvark

THE word aardvark means earthpig, although he is not related to the pig. This burrowing mammal is found in Africa. He has a piglike-nose, enormous ears, and a thick tail. His powerful limbs and huge sharp claws are able to dig a hole faster than men with shovels.

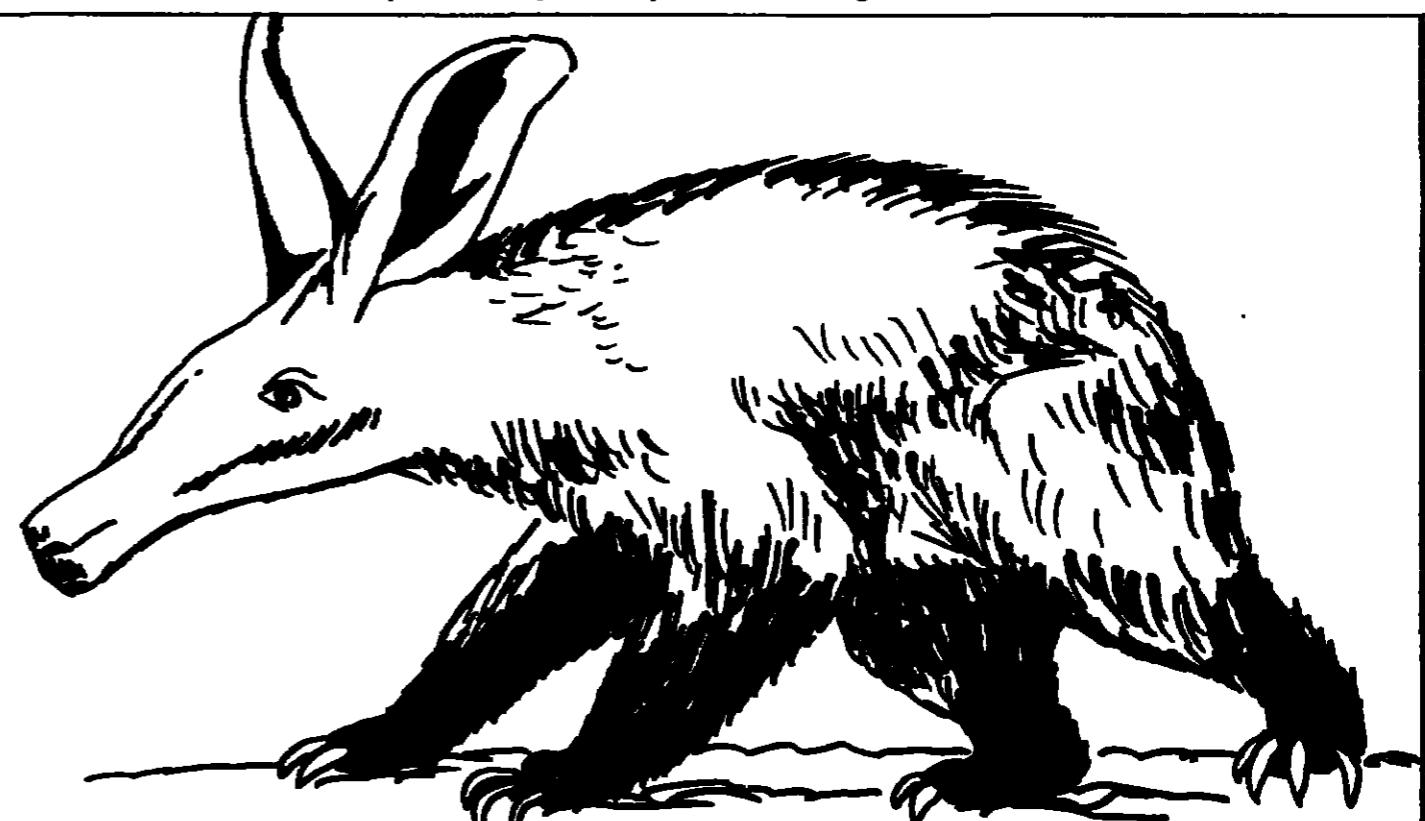
The aardvark is a nocturnal animal whose principal food is termites. He can break through a concrete-like termites' nest with his claws easier than a man with a pickax. Once he opens the nest, he uses his long slender 18 inch tongue to gather up the termites. He also eats other soft bodied insects and some fruit, but he never eats ants because his stomach is unable to digest them.

The lion, leopard, cheetah, and man are the aardvark's main enemies. When an aardvark suspects danger, he sits up on his hind quarters like a kangaroo to spot his enemy. His major

defense is his ability to dig rapidly and fight by slashing with his sharp claws. The aardvark cannot bite because he has no front teeth. His side teeth are shaped like tubes and have no roots or enamel.

The aardvark lives in a burrow which he digs 3 to 4 yards long and wide enough for him to turn around. He usually digs several burrows a few miles apart. Since he is considered a very shy animal, he spends most of his time in his burrows and is rarely seen.

The female aardvark gives birth in a burrow to a single young in the midsummer. After 2 weeks the young aardvark emerges from the burrow but follows his mother around for 6 more months. By seven months of age, the baby can dig his own burrow and goes out on his own.



Word search

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WE'VE GOT COMPANY

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Just for laughs!

Hippy: "Hey man, you had a bath man?"

Hippy's friend: "No, I ain't had a bath man, why do you ask?"

Hippy: "You look all washed up."

Stooping man: "Doctor, you really want to know why I'm stooping?"

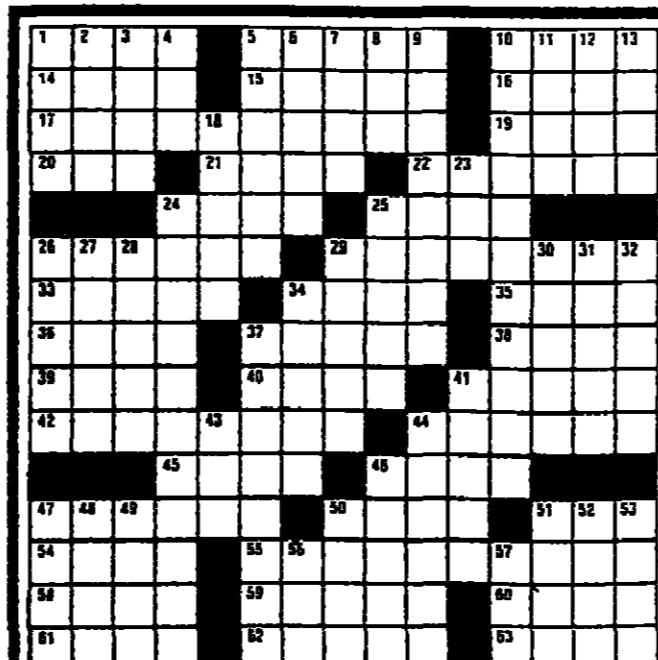
Doctor: "Yes, I do."

Man: "Well, it all goes back to when I was a little boy in my playroom."

Doctor: "Really? What happened?"

Man: "I fell off my rocker."

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Colouring time



Amazing facts

The first Cinderella did not wear glass slippers. That idea came from a mistranslation from the French. The words for 'squirrel' and that for 'glass' are similar in French; 'voir' and 'verre'. A glass slipper does sound more romantic though.

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SPORTS

Graf wins title, breaks \$1 million mark

MAHWAH, N.J., Aug. 21. (Reuters) - World number one Steffi Graf successfully defended her title at the Jersey Classic tennis tournament yesterday and moved beyond the \$1 million earnings mark for the third consecutive year.

The West German Wimbledon champion earned \$40,000 for defeating Hungary's Andrea Temesvari 7-5, 6-2 to push her 1989 winnings to \$1,019,905.

Both Graf and Temesvari were playing their second match of the day with only about an hour break after winning semifinals postponed by rain on Saturday.

Graf, who had dropped a total of just six games in her previous four matches, was pushed for the first time this week in the opening set by Temesvari's big serve.

The set swung Graf's way on a single

service break when the 56th-ranked Temesvari double faulted at break point in the 11th game.

Temesvari, who returned to tournament play this season following a 22-month layoff due to ankle and shoulder injuries, drilled her fourth ace to hold the opening game of the second set before Graf settled down and reeled off the next four.

The top seed was broken for the first

time of the tournament in the sixth game, but broke Temesvari in the next game and served out the match.

"I served well but didn't have a good feel on my returns," said Graf, who has won this tournament three of the last four years.

"It was good to have a challenge and I feel well prepared now for the US Open," said the defending champion.



Gilbert clinches his fist in victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

World No. 9 extends winning streak to 17

Gilbert stuns Edberg

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Aug. 21. (Reuters) Brad Gilbert became the first player in more than three years to win three titles in as many weeks when he upset second seed Stefan Edberg 6-4, 6-7, 6-7 to capture the \$602,500 ATP Championships yesterday.

The fifth-seeded Gilbert broke Edberg, who was serving for the match at 6-5 in the third set, and went on to win the deciding tiebreak 7-5.

"Maybe if I would have got up early in the third set, I would have killed him," said Edberg, who seemed to have taken control of the match after easily winning the second set.

Gilbert, ranked ninth in the world, has won consecutive hardcourt titles in Cincinnati, Livingston and at Stratton Mountain after reaching the final in Washington the week before.

The last player to win three consecutive titles in as many weeks was Boris Becker, who took titles in Sydney, Tokyo and Paris in October 1986.

Gilbert, who extended his match winning streak to 17, upset the top-seeded Becker in the semifinals on Saturday.

"I returned serve well and I was making him make a few volly errors," the American said.

"It was a grind all week. I had three tough matches

in a row but this is definitely a turn for the better," said Gilbert, who must now be considered a serious threat at the US Open which begins later this month.

Gilbert won the first four games, before Edberg brought his serve and volley game up a notch to level the set 4-4.

But Gilbert, his confidence undisturbed, held easily for 5-4, then broke Edberg at love for the set.

Still on a high from the first set, Gilbert's concentration fell apart in the second as he quickly trailed 0-2. After falling behind 4-2, Gilbert appeared to let the next two games go to rely on his chances in the third set.

Gilbert's passing shots were most effective in the deciding set as he gained a 5-3 edge on the former Wimbledon champion.

But Edberg took the next three games with a pair of service breaks to lead 6-5 before Gilbert rallied to force the tiebreak with a forehand pass down the line.

"I had the match for a while but I gave it away," said Edberg. "Also a runner-up here last year, Edberg vowed to Cincinnati fans that he would win this tournament next year."

Whitaker avenges defeat

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 21. (Reuters) Pernell "Sweetpea" Whitaker avenged the only defeat of his professional career on Sunday with a unanimous 12-round decision over Mexico's Jose Luis Ramirez for the World Boxing Council (WBC) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) lightweight titles.

Whitaker, fighting before his hometown fans, dominated the bout from the start as he easily defended his IBF crown and added the WBC title, which had been left vacant when Julio Cesar Chavez moved up to the super lightweight division.

Judge Miguel Donato of Puerto Rico had Whitaker taking all 12 rounds and scored the fight 120-108. Larry O'Donnell of Britain scored it 120-109 and Briton Syd Nathan awarded of three rounds to Ramirez and had Whitaker winning 117-111.

In March, 1988, Ramirez won a controversial split decision over Whitaker in Paris — the Mexican's adopted home — to hand him the only blemish of his professional career.

With yesterday's victory, Whitaker, 25, improved his record to 19-1, while Ramirez, 30, dropped to 10-2.

The left-handed 1984 Olympic gold medallist pleased local fans by demonstrating superior foot and hand speed throughout.

Whitaker also made the most of a five-inch (12.7 cm) reach advantage, staying just out of danger while scoring at will with jabs and solid combinations.

Neither fighter was hurt during the bout and there were no knockdowns or stops.

Moore ties Stewart for top place

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. (AP) Tony La Russa doesn't want to decide who his best pitcher is, and why should he?

"My biggest pet peeve right now would be for someone to ask me about who should win the Cy Young between Mike Moore and Dave Stewart," the Oakland manager said. "Any talk of that nature would be counterproductive. I know all they're thinking about is the team generating some wins."

Moore tied Stewart for the American League lead in victories at 16 in leading the Athletics past the Minnesota Twins 5-0 yesterday. Moore allowed four hits in eight innings in winning for the eighth time in nine decisions.

"Cy Young? I'm not even thinking about it," Moore said.

But Stewart, who did not win the Cy Young in 1987 and 1988 despite 20-win seasons, is thinking about it. In fact, he's thinking about Moore winning it.

"Nobody in the League is pitching like Mike Moore right now. Nobody," Stewart said. "He's the Cy Young man, hands down."

Angeles 1, Indians 0
Kirk McCaskill, 13-7, pitched a four-hitter and struck out seven for his League-leading fourth shutout and Wally Joyner hit a sacrifice fly in the seventh inning. Royals 5, Mariners 4

Bo Jackson homered and hit a two-run triple in the Kingdom as Kansas City won its sixth straight. Seattle has lost five straight for the first time since July 23-27, 1988.

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 2
Pete Harnisch, 3-6, won for the third time in nine starts since July 17 as Baltimore stayed in first place in the East.

Results

American League	
Baltimore	7
Texas	7
Minnesota	8
Detroit	1
California	1
Oakland	5
Kansas City	5
National League	
San Diego	5
Los Angeles	5
San Francisco	5
Pittsburgh	7
St Louis	8
Houston	8
Toronto	1
Boston	3
New York	4
Philadelphia	2
Atlanta	0
Chicago	4

Coe, who finished fourth behind compatriot Tom McKean, said he was satisfied with his form in what is expected to be his final season.

"It was a wee bit warm out there and I felt it," Coe said.

Cheruiyot won an exciting race in 3:35.58, sneaking up on the inside of Somalian Abdi Bile as the world champion wound up for his final sprint.

"I didn't see him there," Bile, who finished second fractionally behind in 3:35.62, confessed.

American Sandra Patrick-Farmer, unbeatable over the 400 hurdles this year, notched another impressive victory, beating Olympic champion Debbie Flintoff-King into second place by exactly a second.

Patrick-Farmer, whose husband David was one of the pacemakers in the men's 800, is a member of the Florence Griffith Joyner International Track Club and her costume yesterday appeared to owe its inspiration to the flamboyant Olympic 100 metres champion.

The Jamaican-born runner, who turned 27 days ago, was a majestic sight in her brightly-coloured strip, striding to victory in 53.93 seconds.

Olympic champion Paul Ereng and Kip Cheruiyot, the twin brother of Charles, in the 800 and 1,500 respectively.

The Kenyan, who said he would run only once more in the European season, looked anything but a man in pain as he demolished a field including Britain's world record holder Sebastian Coe.

World Cup, said groin and hamstring injuries had not allowed him to train for 18 days.

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His ambitious project last year

to become the first man since

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Australia vs New Zealand, Christchurch March 6: India vs New Zealand, Wellington March 8: India vs Australia, Hamilton March 10: Australia vs New Zealand, Auckland March 11: final Auckland.

New Zealand will play Aus-

tralia on March 15-19 in Well-

ington.

COLOGNE, West Germany, Aug. 21. (Reuters) Time, which first challenges then defeats all runners, is having trouble keeping up with Said Aouita.

Yesterday, the Moroccan responded to his latest clash with the clock by smashing the world 3,000

metres record to seven minutes

29.45 seconds, a reduction of

more than two and a half seconds. It was his fifth world record.

But at the age of 29 Aouita's

thrill at beating the stopwatch is

matched by increasing signs that he is not immortal.

At a news conference yesterday,

Aouita detailed his assault on an astonishing variety of world record since he romped to victory in the 1984 Olympics 5,000 metres final.

In those days, he said he had

not been concerned about setting world records.

"I was younger then, 25 or 26,"

he said. "I had plenty of time to

break world records. But now I'm getting a bit older."

In addition to the challenge of

the clock, Aouita has found out

painfully just how fickle the public's affections can be.

The still, hot weather yester-

day plus proficient pace-making

gave Aouita the ideal chance to

break Henry Rono's 11-year-old

800-1,500 double went badly awry through injury.

Aouita emerged from Seoul

with only an 800 bronze and a

nagging foot complaint this

season has prevented him from

running the two-lap event.

"A lot of people in Morocco

said I was finished after the

Olympics," Aouita said.

"So this year I wanted to con-

centrate on the distances I do best

— the 5,000 and the 1,5000. Last

year I really believed I could do

the 800 in the Olympics."

Defeat by Yohes Ondieki over

5,000 metres earlier this year —

Aouita's first loss at his world

championship title distance for

10 years — led to some

premature obituaries for the litte

Moroccan.

SPORTS BRIEFS**KCL final**

EVERSHINE meet Pirelli in the final of the KCL Summer League cricket tournament at the NC ground on Friday, Aug 25. The match will start at 5.30 pm.

McNeil wins

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, Aug 21, (AP): Lori McNeil, trying to regain the form that made her a top 10 player a year ago, beat Elina Reinach 6-1, 6-3 yesterday to win the Virginia Slims of Albuquerque tournament.

Soccer violence

AMSTERDAM, Aug 21, (Reuter): Dutch soccer violence resurfaced in Rotterdam yesterday when hundreds of stone-throwing Feyenoord fans tore down fences and invaded the pitch eight minutes before time after visiting Fortuna Sittard had taken a 2-1 lead.

Danish striker

LONDON, Aug 21, (Reuter): English First Division club Luton Town said today they had signed Denmark's young international striker Lars Elstrup from Odense for a fee of around £60,000 (£942,000).

Bauer triumphs

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug 21, (AP): Canada's Steve Bauer yesterday sprinted ahead to win the 255.5-kilometre (158-mile) Zurich World Cup race, the last major road cycling test before next Sunday's World Championships in Chambers, France.

W. Germany win

BONN, Aug 21, (Reuter): West Germany snatched a 10-9 victory over Yugoslavia in a sudden-death playoff to win the men's water polo title at the European Swimming Championships yesterday.

Champion 400

BROOKLYN, Michigan, Aug 21, (AP): Rusty Wallace, winning his second successive Winston Cup event and fifth of the season, took the Champion 400 in a NASCAR track race record time of 157.704 mph (255.793 kph) yesterday at Michigan International Speedway.

Canseco claims

OAKLAND, California, Aug 21, (AP): Jose Canseco, Oakland Athletics slugger, in the latest of a series of brushes with the law, was cited for darkened windows on his Porsche, not carrying a driver's license and having no proof of auto insurance.

Road race

FALMOUTH, Massachusetts, Aug 21, (AP): Salvatore Bettoli of Italy ran 7.1 miles (11.4 kilometres) in just over 32 minutes yesterday to take top honours in the 17th annual Falmouth Road Race.

English soccer

LONDON, Aug 21, (AP): Despite significant efforts to improve spectators' safety at British soccer matches, many clubs appear to have ignored recommendations made in the wake of the Hillsborough stadium disaster, a news report said yesterday.

Pay increase

BUDAPEST, Aug 21, (UPI): The Hungarian Olympic Committee plan to increase athletes' pay by more than 50 per cent beginning 1992. MTI, the official state news agency announced today. The boost is an incentive to raise the morale of athletes, who currently receive an equivalent of \$125 a month.

Retrospective action

DUISBURG, West Germany, Aug 21, (AP): The world track and field governing body will discuss possible retrospective action to strip Ben Johnson of his world 100-metre world record at its congress in Barcelona next month, the head of the organisation said yesterday. The Canadian sprinter's world record of 9.83 seconds was set at the 1987 world championships in Rome.

Drug tests

LONDON, Aug 21, (AP): About 80 athletes from five countries have been tested at random in the latest anti-doping drive by track's international governing body. The International Amateur Athlete Federation said today that the tests were conducted at five national championships this summer. No positive drug tests have been reported so far, it said.

Late call

LONDON, Aug 21, (Reuter): Phil DeFreitas, the cricket rebel who changed his mind, has been rewarded with a late call to England's squad for the sixth and final Test against Australia which begins on Thursday. DeFreitas was recalled today after pace bowler Devon Malcolm pulled out because of a back muscle injury.

Title fight

GENEVA, Aug 21, (Reuter): American Mark Breland will defend his World Boxing Association welterweight title against Swiss-based Italian Mauro Martelli here on October 13, organisers said today.

Beijing sees Games as chance to buy lost prestige

BEIJING, Aug 21, (Reuter): China is relying on its one billion people to dig into their pockets and help finance 1990 Asian Games — a project that officials say will probably lose money but may restore some lost prestige.

Games officials said today that China will next month formally invite 39 Asian countries to the Games, scheduled to begin in September 1990. The government also plans national lotteries to help pay for the event.

Officials said the leadership was more determined than ever to stage a successful meet, partly to lure back foreign capital and tourists scared away by Peking's bloody crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in June.

"We will probably lose money on the Games

themselves," said Wu Zhongyuan, director of the official press department for the Games, during a guided tour of Games facilities for reporters.

"But if you think of it in terms of the tourism the Games will bring to China and the good impression it will give to foreign countries and investors, then it will be worth it."

On June 4, tanks and troops crushed student-led protests in Peking, killing hundreds, perhaps thousands of people and provoking condemnation and limited sanctions from the West and Japan.

The action raised fears some countries would boycott the Games in protest but officials said they had not heard of any that had decided it

would not compete. Martial law still rules Peking and officials gave no assurance that it would be lifted before September next year.

"I think that if we were to have martial law during the Games then safety would be easier to guarantee," Wan Siquan, secretary-general of the Games' organising committee, told reporters.

He said it was not his job to talk about the possibilities of lifting martial law.

China is building an athletes' village and 16 new sports venues, as well as modernising 11 existing sites in Peking, for the biggest international sports meet here since 1949.

About 30,000 workers toil in the late summer heat building new stadiums and gymnastics halls.

Two white-faced hotels for the press and Games officials dominate the athletes' village, dwarfing a nearby glass dome intended as an entertainment centre.

All construction, including new apartment accommodation for an expected 6,500 athletes, will be completed by spring, officials said.

Premier Li Peng visited some of the sites on Saturday and officials said the government would provide any funds that cannot be raised from the public or from creditors and donors abroad.

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Italy opens fast and furious season before World Cup

ROME, Aug 21, (Reuter): Italy starts a season of non-stop soccer this week that could leave a galaxy of international superstars burned out by the World Cup finals.

As the country counts down to staging the sport's premier tournament, top clubs like European champions AC Milan will be playing twice a week to cram in domestic League and Cup and European club commitments.

The season begins on Wednesday with the

first round of the Italian Cup and the League gets under way on Sunday with Internazionale at newly-promoted Cremonese in the first defence of the title they stormed away with last season.

The 1989-90 season in Italy starts a month early and will include unprecedented mid-week programmes to get the title race over by the end of April in time for the World Cup in June.

But with seven sides in Europe after last

year's outstanding successes, some of Italy's clubs could be playing right up to the weeks before the tournament starts.

Italy manager Azeglio Vicini, who has eight "international" friends on his programme, has said the strain will be spread among World Cup contenders because the wealthy Italian League is bursting with talent from around the world.

"With seven clubs in Europe and an 18-team League there won't be time to catch

breath. The whole thing is absurd," Vicini said.

Inter, who swept all opposition aside in a

record-breaking march on the title, have added striker Juergen Klinsmann to their

duo of Lothar Matthaeus and Andreas Breitner to give their foreign complement an all-West German flavour.

They start as favourites to retain the

League crown but it is a tag manager

Giovanni Trapattoni dismisses because of

eccentric nature of soccer this season.

"We should forget another runaway triumph right away. This year's championship will be like walking on a tightrope. The team that wins will be the one that manages not to lose the games it plays badly," he said.

Inter face perennial competition for the

title in AC Milan, with their Dutch trio of

Marco van Basten, Rudd Gullit and Frank

Rijkaard, and in Napoli and Sampdoria, who have bought Yugoslav Srecko Katanec

to bolster their midfield.

Juventus should join the title challengers after bringing in Dynamo Minsk midfielder Sergei Aleksov to team up with his Soviet international partner Alexander Zavarov.

Juventus move suggests more and more Italian clubs are following AC Milan and inter in seeking single-country imports of foreigners, a trend borne out by newly-promoted Genoa's purchase of three members of the Uruguayan national squad.

10 Welsh players arrive in S. Africa



The Welsh players at Jan Smuts airport in S. Africa. From left: Pickering, John, Ring, Clement and Norster. (Reuter/wirephoto)

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 21, (Reuter): Ten Welsh rugby union players arrived in South Africa today to boost an International XV heartened by a sparkling performance in the first match of their tour which they won 33-20.

The tour, organised to mark the centenary of the South African Rugby Board, has been denounced by anti-apartheid groups but hailed as a coup by South African fans weary of the republic's sporting isolation.

The Welsh Squad, which brings the number of countries with players on the team to six, are: Paul Thorburn, Robert Jones, Tony Clement, Robert Norster, Mark Ring, David Pickering, Phil John, Phil Davies, Mike Hall and Paul Turner.

The arrival of the Welsh is welcome for tour manager Willie John McBride because one player already here, Scottish winger Keith Robertson, is injured.

Robertson tore knee ligaments in the match against Natal last Saturday and is out of action for the rest of the five-match tour.

South African commentators were enthusiastic about the tourists' performance on Saturday, saying the vaunted South African Springboks will have tough opposition in the two "Tests" during the tour.



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